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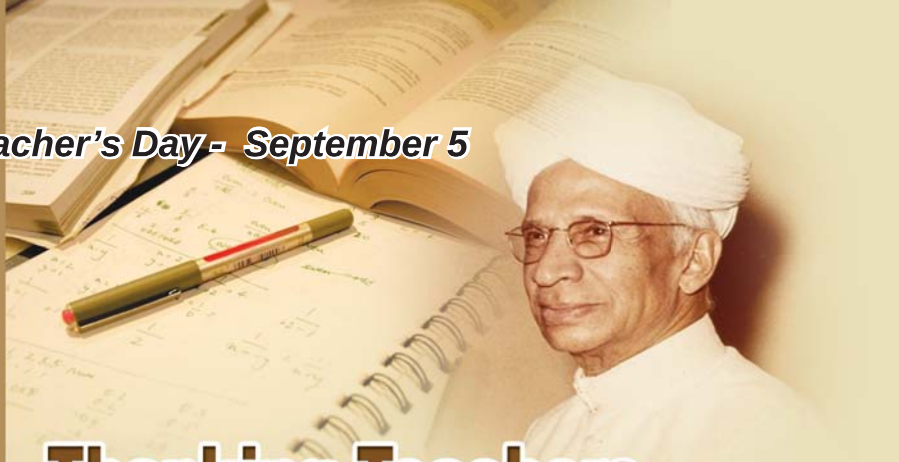

Thanking Teachers for the lessons of life

Message of the Hon'ble
Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Selvi J Jayalalithaa
on Teacher's Day
(05.09.2014)
(English Translation)

Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, the philosopher, started his life as a teacher and rose to be the President of the Indian Republic. His birth anniversary, September 5, is celebrated as 'Teacher's Day'. I extend my greetings to all those who celebrate 'Teacher's Day'.

"The Nation's future is shaped in its classrooms" – said Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, while praising the importance of the work of teachers. The teacher's work is not just teaching lessons – it lies in inculcating character, culture, general knowledge and social consciousness in the student community.

Besides imparting quality education to students who are the pillars of the future India, teachers are discharging a great task – that of shaping the students into good citizens. In appreciation of this, Tamil Nadu Government honours them every year with the 'Nallasiriyar' award. To provide good education to students, your beloved sister's Government, has appointed 53,288 teachers in the last three years. Also, 14,700 teacher's posts are being filled up now. My Government is implementing several schemes for the betterment of the lot of teachers.

In keeping with the Tamil adage that holds that the teacher who educates a person is akin to God, I offer my felicitations to teachers who constantly toil for the upliftment of the student community, wishing them greater glory in their academic task. Once again, I offer my 'Teacher's Day' greetings to all.

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Selvi J Jayalalithaa
- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

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Representatives of Mullai Periyar farmers presenting a memento to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** at a function held in Madurai on 22.08.2014, to express their thanks giving for securing a victory for Tamil Nadu farmers in the Mullai Periyar Dam case.

CHIEF MINISTER FELICITATED ON MULLAI PERIYAR VICTORY

Eloquently recalls tireless fight to safeguard Tamil Nadu's rights

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa's acceptance speech at the thanksgiving function organised by the Mullai Periyar Irrigation farmers at Madurai on 22.08.2014 to felicitate the Hon'ble Chief Minister on the achievement of raising the Mullai Periyar Reservoir level to 142 ft in the first instance.

I am extremely happy to address this gathering of farmers beaming with joy in the historic city of Madurai which has fostered Tamil and is hailed in Sangam literature.

After 37 years of struggle the storage level in Mullai Periyar Dam has been raised to 142 ft in the first phase. A thanksgiving meeting for me has been organised here on your behalf, for establishing the rights of Tamil Nadu. I would, however like to describe the function as one to celebrate the justice rendered to Tamil Nadu and the victory over establishing the rights of the State. I thank you for giving me an opportunity to participate in this victory celebration. I am proud to call this victory as your victory, the victory of farmers. Determination and perseverance are needed to get back our rights.

A guru and his disciples were gazing at the waves that lashed at the shore and then retreated.

"What do you see," the guru asked a disciple.

"I see the perseverance of the waves", he said.

The guru repeated the question to another disciple.

"If you stand firm like this shore against persistent misfortunes, they will disintegrate," he said.

The guru counselled: "Be like these waves at certain times; be like the shore at other times".

We are celebrating this function today because my Government acted both as the waves and the shore as depicted in the story, in establishing Tamil Nadu's rights.

Restoring the storage level to its original height of 152 ft from the lowered level of 136 ft was a long-standing demand of Tamil Nadu. Cases pending in the High Courts of Tamil Nadu and Kerala in this regard were transferred to the Supreme Court in 2002.

When the Supreme Court was hearing the case, I as the then Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu made it a habit to consult experts in the fields of engineering and law and the PWD officials and discussed before every hearing the line of argument Tamil Nadu should take in the case. On the basis of the strong arguments advanced on behalf of Tamil Nadu, the Supreme Court gave a judgement. The Court held the storage level could be raised to 142 ft from 136 ft in the first stage; the remaining works to strengthen the dam could be taken up; Kerala Government should extend full co-operation to Tamil Nadu for taking up this work and that experts would decide on raising the level to the full height of 152 ft after inspecting the strength of the dam after completion of the works strengthening the dam.

Slighting this judgement, the Kerala Government amended the Act to fix the storage level at 136 ft. My Government filed a petition in the Supreme Court in March 2006, seeking a declaration that the amendment is ultra vires.

Meanwhile, elections to Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly were declared. You should recall the argument placed by the Congress and the DMK in that election campaign, Congress was ruling at the Centre; the DMK was a coalition partner in that Government. The DMK-led alliance was campaigning that if it was elected, river water disputes with neighbouring States would be resolved.

False propaganda like this ushered in a minority Government in Tamil Nadu in 2006 under the leadership of DMK. But there was no solution to the river water disputes with the neighbouring States. If Thiru. Karunanidhi had any real interest in the Mullai Periyar dispute, he could have used his clout with the Central Government and raised the storage level to 142 ft, as per the Supreme Court's judgement. But he did not do that. He had no interest. They say, "If there is a will, there is a way". It should be a one-pointed "will" at that. Then only can it develop into a big force and lead to achievement. But Thiru. Karunanidhi's will is a dissipated one.

A King would go round his kingdom riding an elephant. Whenever he reached a particular village, a youth used to stop the elephant by pulling its tail. This went on. The King enquired about the youth and learnt that he was a carefree person, doing petty jobs to eke out his livelihood.

The King asked his Ministers: "How is it possible for an ordinary person to stop a powerful elephant like that".

The Minister attributed it to the youth's mental strength.

The King wanted to know how that mental strength could be weakened.

“Give him a daily salary of a gold coin. Ask him to light the lamp in the nearby temple in the evenings and tell him that the salary was being paid for that”, the Minister said.

The job of lighting the lamp was entrusted to the youth. Every day he got the gold coin as salary. And he started counting the days as he was keen on accumulating a hundred coins.

A month later the King passed through the village on the elephant. As usual, the youth tugged at the tail, but could not stop the elephant. On the other hand, the elephant dragged him along with it.

To the surprised King, the Minister explained: “The moment he started accumulating the coins, his attention got diverted. He was after money. He lost his mental strength”.

Like the person in the story, Thiru. Karunanidhi did not bother about the interests of Tamils as his mind went after “spectrum”.

As a result of this, the issue got changed entirely in the earlier minority DMK rule. Instead of getting the storage level raised to 142 ft, the Kerala Government placed a request for construction of a new dam and the Central Government also gave permission for taking up investigation in this regard. Through a statement, I voiced my opposition to it.

After seeing my statement, Thiru. Karunanidhi put forward a skewed argument saying “permission has not yet been given”. After realising the truth behind my statement, he announced that an agitation would be launched condemning the Central Minister for Environment. Then he somersaulted and said a public meeting would be held to criticise the Kerala Government. Later, that proposal too was dropped. This is the ‘achievement’ of the earlier minority DMK Government in the Mullai Periyar issue – nay, the ‘pain’ inflicted by that Government. The earlier minority DMK Government only placed hurdles in the name of extending help. It gave in return only distress to the people who placed it on the throne.

Thiru. M. Karunanidhi forgot totally that it was Tamils who uplifted him in life. For the sake of his family, he was not only supportive of the destruction of the Tamil race but also adopted an evasive approach on issues of rights of Tamils. Thiru. Karunanidhi’s action was in tune with the proverb: “Biting the hand that feeds”.

God wanted to see a poor man smile. He appeared before a poverty-stricken man and asked what he wanted.

“Money, wealth, gold, diamonds,”the man said greedily.

God, immediately pointed his right hand index finger at a bureau. It turned into a golden bureau.

The poor man stood silently. God again extended his finger and a table turned into gold.

The poor man was not satisfied.

God quickly turned all the objects in the room into gold one after another.

The poor man did not smile even then.

“What more boon do you want?” a dejected God asked.

“I want that finger” the man replied!

God swooned after hearing the reply.

Don’t forget that Thiru. Karunanidhi is, like the person in the story, one who wanted to destroy the Tamils who uplifted him in life.

Though I was the Leader of opposition then, I keenly followed the issues like Cauvery water-sharing, Mullai Periyar Dam, Hogenakkal Combined Water Supply Scheme and Palar water issue, released statements, conducted several agitations and was instrumental in making the then minority DMK Government take steps to protect the interests of Tamils.

I want to cite one example.

While hearing the Mullai Periyar Dam case, the Supreme Court ordered in 2010, the setting

up of a committee, headed by the former Chief Justice of India. Dr. A.S. Anand to examine the issue. As per the Supreme Court order, Tamil Nadu Government should nominate a person on the committee. But what did the then minority DMK Government do? A resolution was passed in the DMK General Council meeting held in February, 2010, that there was no need to nominate a person to the committee on behalf of Tamil Nadu. Is it a intra-party affair of DMK? Should not the Legislative Assembly have taken a decision after discussion?

If there is no Tamil Nadu representative on the Supreme Court Committee, will it not tantamount to Tamil Nadu supporting the Kerala Government's amended legislation that sought to nullify the earlier Supreme Court decision? Will not a situation arise where Tamil Nadu cannot advance its arguments? Will not Supreme Court conclude that Tamil Nadu has nothing to put forth on this? As a result of this, will not the Supreme Court's final judgement turn against Tamil Nadu? I issued a statement raising all these questions. I wish to remind you that only thereafter Dr. A.R.Labesh Menon, former Supreme Court judge was appointed to the committee on behalf of Tamil Nadu.

After I assumed office as Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu again, strong, just and legal arguments were advanced before the Supreme Court appointed committee, on behalf of Tamil Nadu. On the basis of these arguments and the results of inspections, the committee submitted its report in April 2012.

Tamil Nadu forcibly argued before the Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court praying for declaration that the Kerala Government's amendment to the Act is ultra vires of the Constitution and that the storage level in the dam should be raised to 142 ft in the first stage and that there is no ground at all for construction of a new dam as the Mullai Periyar Dam is very strong.

The 5-Member Constitution Bench delivered a historic judgement to be etched in golden letters in May last on the basis of facts advanced by Tamil Nadu in its arguments and the inspection report.

In that judgement, the Supreme Court clearly stated that Kerala Government's amendment, in respect of Mullai Periyar Dam, is ultra vires of the Constitution; the storage level in the dam can be raised to 142 ft as per the Supreme Court's 2006 verdict; Kerala Government should not interfere in this and that Tamil Nadu Government can take

up the maintenance and strengthening works of the dam. The Court also ordered that a three-Member Committee with representatives one each from the Central Water Resources Commission, Tamil Nadu and Kerala Governments should supervise the raising of the storage level to 142 ft.

The three-Member Committee was setup following the pressure I exerted on the Central Government continuously. By way of raising the storage level to 142 ft, the shutters of the dam were lowered on 17.07.2014 under the supervision of the three-Member Committee. Through this Tamil Nadu's rights have been established.

Saint Tiruvalluvar has stated that success will automatically flow towards those who make relentless efforts without delay for the betterment of their citizens.

As for me, Tamil Nadu people are my people. That is why I treated the Mullai Periyar issue as my personal problem and acted without any delay. This is the secret of success. This victory is our victory.

In this context, I firmly state that steps will be taken to raise the storage level to the full capacity of 152 ft after the completion of the remaining strengthening works of the dam as per the Supreme Court's judgement.

I wish to State that I will work continuously, without any interruption, for your upliftment, for the upliftment of farmers and all Tamils.

Like today's rains, felicitations were lavished on me on this dais. My heartfelt thanks for that. I will live up to this praise; and I will continue to toil for you.

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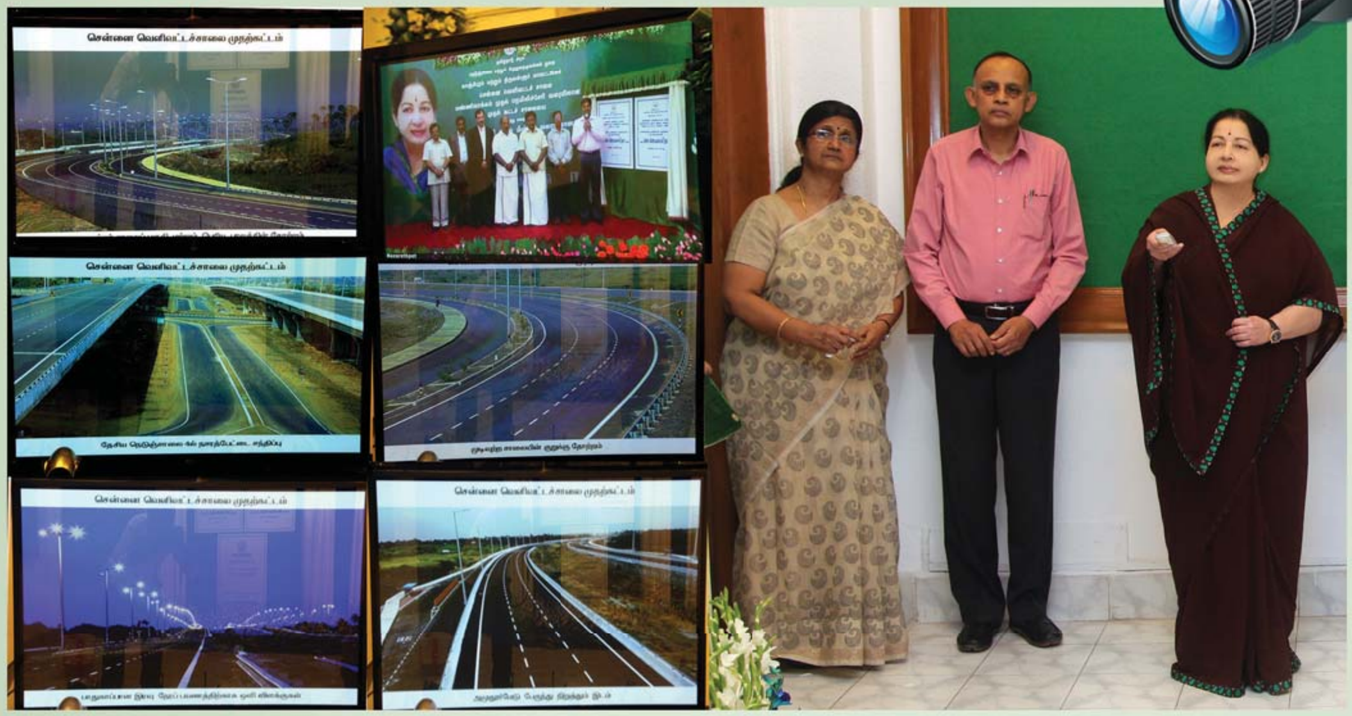


Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** commissioned for public use at the Secretariat on 28-08-2014 through video conferencing, the 27-km long Chennai outer ring road from Manniwakkam to Nemilicheri (Rs. 1,081.40 crore) and laid the foundation for the second phase of work of the outer ring road. In the second phase, the 30.50 km road will connect Minjur with Nemilicheri (Rs. 1,075 crore).

CHIEF MINISTER GIVES STATISTICS OF DIP IN CRIME INCIDENCE

'Unfettered police doing a great job of keeping crime in check'

A gist of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa's** reply in Tamil on 06.08.2014 to the debate on the Demands for the Police, Fire and Rescue Service Departments (English translation)

Hon'ble Speaker,

Saint Valluvar said that the righteousness of a Government is its best protector. In keeping with this dictum, the people of Tamil Nadu have done justice to the All India Anna DMK in the just concluded Lok Sabha election, as it has been providing a just rule in the last 3 years. I am overwhelmed to see that they have given a good certificate to the party. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the people of Tamil Nadu for handing down this historic victory to my Government.

Hon'ble Members have expressed their views on the demands for the Police, Fire and Rescue Service Departments. As usual, members of opposition parties have charged that crimes have increased in the State. Cut motions numbering 122 have been moved on the demands

for the Police Department and 63 on the demands for the Fire and Rescue Service Department. This Government's achievements have also been applauded. At the outset, I convey my thanks to those who criticized and to those who appreciated this Government and offer my explanations to the criticism.

This Government's goal is growth – the country's growth, the people's growth, and particularly the growth of the poor and marginalized sections and their safety. That is why people have voted us in, keeping in mind our achievements. They have ignored those who have worked for the rich.

Perarignar Anna felt that a movement should be pro-poor and that it gained life only when the poor supported it.

Our administration treads the path of Perarignar Anna. We are paving the way for the upliftment of the poor. I have given a free hand to the Police Department to establish law and order and to secure peace within the parameters of law, justice and uprightness. That is why they are not threatened from any quarters from discharging their duties. I applaud and honour the Police Personnel who discharge their duties and show gallantry. This enthuses them further.

In the earlier minority DMK rule, there were several power centres which interfered in the working of the Police Department. People could not enjoy or dispose of their lands and their houses purchased out of their hard-earned money. There was no sense of safety. After I took over the administration for a third term in 2011, all these problems were eradicated totally and in the last 3 years people live with a sense of relief. There is guarantee for their life and for their possessions. Police act freely without any interference. People have realized this well. That is why they were not swayed by the false propaganda of the opposition in the last Lok Sabha election on the law and order situation.

The incidence of crime and general peace and proper law and order are two different things. Though crime incidents are a challenge to law and order, it cannot be construed that they have affected the general peace or have destabilised the law and order situation.

When I state this, you should not come to the wrong conclusion that I am justifying criminal incidents. I offered this explanation just to point out the sorry state of affairs in respect of law and order and peace during the earlier minority DMK rule and that such a situation no longer prevails now.

Strong measures bring down crime

Some Hon'ble Members mentioned here that incidents of crime have increased. Some others echo it outside. The number of such incidents in India has been going up constantly. Population increase and growth of technology are the reason. The percentage of crime alone can reveal whether crime has truly increased or decreased. As per this percentage calculation, in the last 3 years the incidence of crime has come down. Crimes can only be controlled; not eliminated totally. The Draft

Police Act prepared by the Central Government in 2006 and the Police Commission set up by the previous minority DMK Government have also held the same view. I wish to state that the Tamil Nadu Police Department has been taking strong measures to investigate crimes, apprehend culprits, get them conviction as per law and take constructive actions to bring down opportunities for committing crimes.

As for murder cases, the rate of increase per year has came down by 3.33 per cent in my rule when compared with the previous minority DMK rule – against 5.1 per cent it is only 1.77 percent now.

Only some murders take place to wreak vengeance, or for gain or out of criminal mentality. Most take place because of sudden emotional outburst, love affair, family problems or land disputes and other personal motives. Such personal problems are not brought to the notice of the Police Department beforehand and hence incidents born out of them could not be prevented by taking precautionary steps. Also, most of the culprits are first-time offenders and they are not in the Police surveillance net. Their actions could not be anticipated and prevented. Hence, I urge the critics to ponder whether it is fair to level charges about the law and order situation citing such incidents of murder.

Murder for gain is the most heinous crime. At the end of 2010, during the earlier minority DMK rule, the number of persons murdered for gain was 153. It came down to 121 under my rule in 2013. In the first 5 months of the current year, 42 such murders have taken place. A comparison between 2010 and 2013 will reveal a fall of 21 per cent in the occurrence of such murders. In contrast, murder for gain in the earlier minority DMK rule increased by 107 per cent. As against 74 in 2005 when my rule was nearing completion, it rose to 153 in 2010 in DMK's rule.

In most of the cases of murder for gain, the crime takes place when the victim is alone and the assailant is a person known to the victim or his/her relatives or servants. Hence, Police are not able to prevent the occurrence. Only culprits are apprehended and arraigned before law.

The proof of numbers

Unlike in the previous regime, cases are now registered in Police Stations under relevant sections of law that pertain to the charges made in the complaint without any hesitation and investigations are taken up. Though there is scope for the number of crimes recorded to increase on account of this, in reality, it has come down. It clearly shows that the Police are severe on the criminals and this has brought down crime incidence.

The number of dacoity cases has come down to 83 in 2013 from 101 in 2011 - a reduction of 17.82 per cent.

As for robbery, 2,066 cases were registered in 2011 and they came down to 1,898 in 2012 but shot up to 2,186 in 2013, an increase of 5.81 per cent compared to 2011. But in the earlier minority DMK rule, robbery, on an average rose by 63.2 per cent annually.

Burglaries registered a fall at 4,457 in 2012 compared to 4,848 in 2011 but increased to 5,125 in 2013. Comparative figures for 2011 and 2013 show an increase of 5.71 per cent but in the previous minority DMK rule, it was, on an average, an increase of 5.2 per cent per annum.

In respect of theft cases, 14,583 cases were filed in 2010, at the end of the previous minority DMK rule. It went down to 11,950 in 2013. In the current year, 4,492 cases have been filed till 31.05.2014. Compared to the 2011 figures, the theft cases have come down by 14.18 per cent in 2013.

The number of property cases including murder cases was 23,068 in 2010. In 2013, it came down

to 21,271. In the current year, 8,123 cases have been registered up to 31.05.2014. Compared to 2010, the number of cases had come down by 1,797 in 2013.

According to the 2012 report of the National Crimes Record Bureau, incidence of crime in Tamil Nadu is less compared to other States. The number of murder cases in Tamil Nadu in 2012 is less than 2,000 while it is much higher in Uttar Pradesh (4,966 cases), Bihar (3,566), Andhra Pradesh (2,717), Maharashtra (2,712), Madhya Pradesh (2,373) and West Bengal (2,252).

When crime incidents are compared a figure – crime percentage – is generally used. This is an index referring to the number of crime incidents per lakh of population. The crime percentage in respect of property crimes in Tamil Nadu in 2012 was 27.16 per cent, 9.62 points less than the national average of 36.78 per cent. In Haryana this was 91.6, Maharashtra 62.07, Karnataka 45.10, Andhra Pradesh 42.82, Rajasthan 41.64, Gujarat 37.16 and Odisha 36.81.

Likewise, in 2013, the crime percentage in respect of property crimes in Tamil Nadu was 28.36, 11.46 points less than the National average. The figure for Haryana was 97.57, Maharashtra 70.43, Rajasthan 51.07, Madhya Pradesh 51, Andhra Pradesh 48.21, Karnataka 47.19, Odisha 38.56 and Gujarat 36.21. The comparative figures with national average and with other States for the last two years should make the members of the Communist Party proud of Tamil Nadu for the lower incidence of crime. I therefore request them to stop saying that crimes have increased.

In 2012, 2,158 persons were held under Preventive Detection Acts; In 2013, 3,433 persons were held and in the current year up to 30.05.2014, 1,174 persons have been held.

With the recovery of stolen properties worth Rs.146.59 crore in 2013 (73 per cent of the 21,271 total cases detected), the National Crime Records Bureau has accorded the first place in this respect to Tamil Nadu in the whole country, a matter to be proud of.

The above statistics clearly reveal that crime incidents in Tamil Nadu are on the slide due to the strict actions taken by the Police against criminals. Hence, there is no substance in the opposition charge that there is a spurt in the incidence of murder, burglary and the like.

Hon’ble Speaker ,

It was stated here that incidents of rape were on the increase. As elopement and complaints of reneging from marriage promises are registered as rape cases, statistics project an image that rape incidents have increased. Recently, the Supreme Court held that relationship without the consent of the woman constitutes rape. The truth, tested by this yardstick, is that the incidents of rape have come down very largely. In 2013, 923 cases were filed under the category of rape. But only 332 cases pertained to violent relationship without the consent of the woman. Even in these cases, it has come to light, that the perpetrator of the crime is a relative or a well-known person or a neighbour of the victim.

Compared to other States, crime against women is far less in Tamil Nadu. It is my desire that Tamil Nadu should be a State free from sexual assault. Tamil Nadu Police are alert in preventing crimes against women and in taking stern action against this category of culprits. In this context, I would like to recall that it was my Government which drafted a pioneering 13-point programme in 2012 after a woman was sexually assaulted brutally in New Delhi and died thereupon.

After it came to light that a person entered a hostel in Pollachi recently and sexually assaulted 2 students studying in 5th and 6th standard, along with payment of compensation to the victims, a

set of 37 guidelines was framed for the upkeep of hostels, appointment of warden and security personnel for hostels, supervision by District Administration and for launching awareness and publicity programmes for ensuring the safety of women/girls. The District Administration and the Police have been directed to be vigilant and see such incidents do not recur.

Tamil Nadu, a pioneer in protecting women

Compared to the previous minority DMK rule, the incidence of crimes like dowry deaths, sexual harassment and molestation has come down. As per the statistics for the years 2010 (DMK rule) and 2013, dowry deaths have come down by 28.48 per cent, sexual harassment by 51 per cent and molestation by 9.54 per cent.

I set up All Women Police Stations in 1992, setting a precedent for the entire country. The aim was to protect women's rights and crush atrocities against women. Today, there are 199 All Women Police Station in Tamil Nadu. This is 40 per cent of such stations in the whole country. For every 7 Women Police Constables in India, there is one in Tamil Nadu.

Of the 1,012 Women Inspectors in India, 246 are in Tamil Nadu. Twenty-five per cent of the women Sub-Inspectors are in Tamil Nadu. Of the 32 districts in Tamil Nadu, 7 have women Superintendents of Police. Women are appointed as Station Officers in Police Stations. On the technical side too, of the 436 officers- from Sub-Inspector to Superintendent of Police – 113 are women. In the Forensic Science Wing also, 30 per cent of the staff is women. Tamil Nadu is a forerunner in the whole country in prevention of crimes against women and in according priority to women.

Under the programme of modernization of the Police Force, modern weapons, implements and self-defence armoury are being acquired; 4,179 vehicles have been purchased. For effective maintenance of law and order, 11,488 Constables have been recruited and appointed. Steps are being taken to fill up 14,442 vacancies in the posts of Grade II Constables, Sub-Inspectors, SIs (Technical) and in the Fingerprint Wing of the Department. For the Tamil Nadu Special Police Youth Brigade, set up as an auxiliary force to the Police, 9,079 youths have been recruited.

In the last 3 years, my Government has allotted Rs. 766.51 crore for construction of 7,850 Police dwelling units, Rs. 81.21 crore for setting up 174 new Police Stations, Rs. 52.17 crore for the construction of 19 guest houses, Rs.39.40 crore for construction of 16 Armed Reserve Police Offices and Rs.50 crore for construction of other buildings. Most of the works have been completed and the buildings are being put to use.

Under the 'Own Your House' scheme, orders have been issued for construction of 36,000 houses for the Personnel of Uniformed Services. In the first phase, 2,673 houses are constructed at Melakottaiyur in Kancheepuram district. House loan to the tune of Rs. 275.49 crore has been sanctioned to 1,682 Police Personnel towards this end.

Besides starting 'Super Markets' in Chennai, Tiruchi and Madurai on the lines of Military Canteens for selling goods at reduced rates to the families of Uniformed Service Personnel, various allowances given to them have also been enhanced. Master health check-ups for those above 40 years of age have also been arranged free of cost.

On the advice given by my Government now and then and the incentives provided, the Police Department is functioning wonderfully and is involving itself fully in the prevention and detection of crimes besides maintenance of law and order. In the last 36 months, peace has been prevailing in the State without any law and order problems that affect the people.

I firmly believe that the Police Department too will earn the encomiums of all by discharging their duties as per law and according to the expectations and desires of the Government and the general public.

Hon'ble Member Thiru. Gunasekaran referred to the absence of a commission as outlined in the guidelines of the Supreme Court in the case filed by Prakash Singh for enquiring into complaints against the Police Department in the State. A Law has been enacted for setting up a State-Level Police Complaints Authority and District-Level Police Complaints Authorities as per the Police Reforms Act, 2013. These Authorities will enquire into important charges leveled against Police officials.

Hon'ble Speaker, the Fire and Rescue Services Department too is acquitting itself well in its works. Hon'ble Members have moved cut motions demanding the extension of concessions given to the Police to the Fire and Rescue Services Personnel also. I wish to point out that my Government has already done that. Other points made in the cut motions and voiced by members like setting up of Fire and Rescue Service Stations, purchase of new vehicles, additional staff to the Department and modernization of the Department are all implemented by my Government every year as per the needs.

I wish to make the following announcements:-

Police Department

I. CONSTRUCTION OF POLICE STATIONS AND SECURITY COMPOUND WALLS

1. New Police Station Buildings for 9 urban and 28 rural Police Stations in the districts of Kancheepuram, Tiruvallur, Villupuram, Vellore, Tiruvannamalai, Erode, Salem, Tiruchirapalli, Thanjavur, Nagapattinam, Dindigul, Ramanathapuram, Virudhunagar, Tirunelveli and Kanniyakumari at a cost of Rs. 29.24 crore;

2. New Police Station Buildings for T-15, S.R.M.C Police Station, at Iyyappanthangal, Chennai at a cost of Rs.1.35 crore;

3. New building for the Prohibition Wing at Sattur, Virudhunagar district at a cost of Rs.47 lakh;

4. New Building for the All Women Police Station in Virudhunagar at a cost of Rs.33 lakh;

5. New building for the Traffic Police Station at Cuddalore at a cost of Rs. 29 lakh;

6. 34 dwelling units on 1.68 ha. at Muthubalapuram, for Orathanadu (Thanjavur district) Police Personnel – one Inspector, 3 Assistant Inspectors and 30 Constables – at a cost of Rs. 4.86 crore;

II. INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES FOR BETTER PERFORMANCE BY ARMED POLICE PERSONNEL

7. A new security compound wall to Varusanadu Police Station, Theni district at a cost

of Rs.13 lakh to prevent the entry of strangers and animals;

8. New Buildings for the administrative office, Police lines and for Armoury at the Armed police Complex at Nagercoil, Kanniyakumari District at a cost of Rs. 8.32 crore;

9. New Armed Police Administrative office in Madurai city at a cost of Rs.5.43 crore;

10. Barracks to accommodate 200 Police Personnel drafted for training at the Armed Police Complex in Krishnagiri district at a cost of Rs.4.06 crore;

11. A new administrative office building with compound wall and vehicle shed for the Special Armed Police at Kamuthi, Ramanathapuram District at a cost of Rs. 3.99 crore;

12. New building with vehicle shed for the Armed Police in Tiruvarur District at a cost of Rs. 3.39 crore;

13. The Armed Police Complex at Kumarasamipatti, Salem District, now functioning in the old building will get a new building at a cost of Rs. 2.79 crore;

14. A Police barracks to accommodate 100 Police Personnel will be constructed in Dharmapuri district at a cost of Rs. 40 lakh;

15. A new building for the armoury workshop at the Tiruchirappalli District Armed Police Complex at a cost of Rs. 16 lakh;

16. A new security compound wall for the petrol bunk at the Armed Police Complex, Tiruchi City at a cost of Rs. 6 lakh;

III. SKILL DEVELOPMENT FOR POLICE PERSONNEL

17. Security implements like non-linear junction detector, explosive vapour detector, deep search mine detector, X-ray baggage scanner and multi-zone door frame metal detector will be purchased for the Police Commissionerates in Coimbatore, Madurai, Salem, Tiruchi, Tirunelveli and Tiruppur at a cost of Rs.4.95 crore for making security arrangements for VIPs on visit.

18. 59 types of modern weaponry and equipment will be purchased at a cost of Rs. 2.59 crore, for the Rapid Action Units in the Tamil Nadu Commando Force in the first phase for handling terrorist attacks.

19. Mobile closed circuit TV Monitoring units will be purchased at a cost of Rs. 1.95 crore for the Commissionerates at Coimbatore, Madurai, Salem, Tiruchi, Tirunelveli and Tiruppur for taking up security monitoring works.

20. Different types of basic tools and modern technological instruments will be purchased for Police Stations at a cost of Rs. 1.75 crore for prevention of crimes and immediate detection of culprits.

21. Five mobile control centres with ultra-modern equipment will be set up at a cost of Rs. 75 lakh- one at Chennai and one each at the 4 Police Zonal Headquarters - to overcome the space constraints in locating the control centre near the place of occurrence when major law and order events/ terrorist attacks take place.

22. Special Branch (Grave crimes) Police will be created, in the first phase in 20 districts, at a cost of Rs. 60 lakh to investigate important murder cases, sexual assault cases, kidnap for ransom and pre-meditated murder cases. The Special Branch will be headed by Assistant Commissioner/Deputy SP/ Police Inspector. It will be trained in modern investigation techniques. The required employees and vehicles for this branch will be obtained from other sections of the Department.

23. A Police Control Room will be set up at Ramanathapuram at a cost of Rs.58 lakh as the

district is caste/communal sensitive requiring large-scale security arrangements.

24. Modern monitoring equipment and non-linear junction detectors will be purchased for the Intelligence Bureau Development at a cost of Rs. 27 lakh for the collection of intelligence.

IV. UPGRADING VEHICLE FACILITIES FOR POLICE PERSONNEL

25. Seven buses, 7 small buses, 130 motorbikes, 25 jeeps, one open-cast lorry, 10 tempo traveller vans and an emergency vehicle will be purchased at a cost of Rs. 6.43 crore for the speedy movement of Police Personnel for controlling law and order problems and for prevention of crimes.

26. 107 two-wheelers will be purchased at a cost of Rs. 75 lakh for patrol duty for 5 Commissionerates- 3 for Coimbatore, 28 for Tiruchi, 36 for Madurai, 24 for Tirunelveli and 16 for Tiruppur.

27. Six four-wheelers will be purchased at a cost of Rs. 58 lakh, one each for Salem and Madurai cities and the remaining 4 for the newly formed Tiruppur city.

28. Four 4 wheelers will be purchased at a cost of Rs. 38 lakh- 2 for Kancheepuram District and 2 for Tiruvallur District.

29. Twenty-one two-wheelers will be purchased at a cost of Rs. 15 lakh for patrol duty - 18 for Kancheepuram District and 3 for Tiruvallur District.

V. INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES FOR TAMIL NADU SPECIAL POLICE FORCE

30. A new armoury will be constructed at a cost of Rs.2.23 crore for the 11th Battalion of the Tamil Nadu Special Police Force at Rajapalayam.

31. A new building to house the Administrative Office for the 5th Battalion of the Tamil Nadu Special Police at Avadi at a cost of Rs.2.02 crore.

32. A new vehicle parking lot with overhead roof for the 7th Battalion of the Tamil Nadu Special Police at Pochampalli, Krishnagiri District at a cost of Rs.2.01 crore.

33. A Barracks for policemen at the 4th Battalion of the Tamil Nadu Special Police at Kovai-Pudur at a cost of Rs.90 lakh.

VI. DEVELOPING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR VIGILANCE AND ANTI – CORRUPTION DEPARTMENT

34. New buildings will be constructed for 7 sub-offices of the Vigilance and Anti- corruption Department, Chennai, now functioning from rented buildings, at a cost of Rs. 5.67 crore.

VII. UPGRADATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES FOR RAILWAY POLICE

35. New Administrative office for the Tiruchirapalli Railway police at a cost of Rs. 4.23 crore.

36. New Camp office for the Superintendent of Railway Police, Tiruchirapalli at a cost of Rs. 62 lakh.

VIII. UPGRADATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES FOR THE POLICE TECHNOLOGICAL WING

37. 65 Repeater sets with accessories will be purchased at a cost of Rs. 1.30 crore for the conduct of events in all Police Districts/Cities and for security purposes.

38. A 2,000 sq.ft additional floor will be constructed at a cost of Rs. 65 lakh for housing a guest house for the State Crime Records Bureau/ Police Technological Wing Computer Data Centre.

39. An additional floor measuring 1,500 sq.ft will be constructed in the existing building from which the Police Technological Wing functions in Chennai, at a cost of Rs.45 lakh. The personnel of the technological wing are trained by the Police Computer Data Centre.

IX. CREATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES FOR THE SPECIAL BRANCHES OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

40. A new building will be constructed for the Special Branch CID in Tirunelveli City at a cost of Rs.73 lakh.

41. New Building for the 'Q' Branch of the CID Department in Thoothukudi District at a cost of Rs. 53 lakh.

42. New Building for the Special Branch CID in Kanniyakumari District at a cost of Rs. 29 lakh.

43. New Building for the Special Branch CID in Namakkal District at a cost of Rs. 26 lakh.

X. INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES FOR POLICE PERSONNEL UNDER TRAINING

44. A new Armoury at the Tamil Nadu Police Academy at a cost of Rs.61 lakh.

45. A shooting range will be set up at Kadavur Village, Madurai District at a cost of Rs. 50 lakh to train the 6th Battalion of the Tamil Nadu Special Police, Madurai City, and the Central Security Force Personnel.

46. A training facility at Ariyalur at a cost of Rs. 28 lakh for providing renewed training for the Armed Reserve Wing and local Police Personnel and to conduct short-term classes.

47. A training classroom with a seating capacity for 50 will be constructed at a cost of Rs. 15 lakh in Dharmapuri District for imparting training in the different activities of the police Department.

XI. SOLAR POWER AS AN ALTERNATIVE SOURCE OF ENERGY

48. 2 KV Solar power units will be set up in 15 unmanned Repeater Stations at a cost of Rs. 75 lakh.

49. 20 KV Solar power units will be set up in the Police Headquarters Office at a cost of Rs. 40 lakh to cut down expenditure on electricity.

XII. UPGRADATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES TO HOMEGUARD AND CIVIL DEFENCE PERSONNEL

50. Reflection Jackets, Life Guard Jackets, Public Address Systems, Emergency lights and Baton lights will be purchased at a cost of Rs. 74 lakh to improve the working of Home Guards and Civil Defence personnel.

51. New building for the office of the Home Guards/ Civil Defence personnel in Tiruchirapalli District at a cost of Rs. 17 lakh.

XIII. UPGRADING FORENSIC SCIENCE DEPARTMENT's SKILLS

52. Refrigerated Micro Centrifuge Equipment will be set up at a cost of Rs. 40 lakh at the Forensic Science Laboratory to extract DNA from tissues for tracing the culprits involved in murders, sexual assault and grave crimes.

XIV. WELFARE PROGRAMMES FOR POLICE PERSONNEL

53. A new building for the Police Welfare Co-operation warehouse functioning at the police lines at Kondithope, Chennai City at a cost of Rs. 36 lakh. The warehouse caters to about 900 Police families.

Announcements for Fire and Rescue Services Department

XV. INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES TO THE DEPARTMENT UPGRADING SKILLS AND ENCOURAGING EMPLOYEES

1. 30 new fire tenders, costing Rs.7.50 crore will be distributed in the first phase in 2014-2015 as part of the replacement programme of 65 tenders that have completed 15 years of service.

2. The Department has now only 14 small foam tenders used for extinguishing fire in oil and chemical factories and in Thermal power stations. By way of introducing these tenders in District Headquarters and important cities in a phased way, 5 foam tenders costing Rs. 1.25 crore will be distributed.

3. For the Arakkonam Fire and Rescue Services Station, a dwelling unit for the Station Officer and 16 dwelling units for the staff will be constructed at a cost of Rs.2.68 crore.

4. Six dwelling units for fire-fighters on Department's land at Mint, Chennai and 3 dwelling units at Washermanpet Station Complex for 3 officers of the station will be constructed at a cost of Rs. 1.63 crore.

5. Two apartments for officer of the rank of District Officer and above and a high-class hostel at Mylapore Station Complex for Joint Directors/ Deputy Directors visiting Chennai on official duty will be constructed at a total cost of Rs. 1.25 crore.

6. Seven new Fire and Rescue Service Stations will be set up at a total cost of Rs. 6.30 crore (each Rs.90 lakh) at Keeramangalam in Pudukkottai District, Alanganallur (Madurai District), Avinasi (Tiruppur), Annoor (Coimbatore), Chennimalai (Erode), Cheyyaru (Kancheepuram) and at Tirumarugal (Nagapattinam).

7. In the current year, own buildings will be constructed for the Fire and Rescue Service Stations at Kangeyam and Vellakoil in Tiruppur District at a cost of Rs. 1.44 crore as part of the programme to construct own buildings for all stations functioning from rented buildings in a phased way.

8. To augment the wireless sets with the Fire and Rescue Service Stations in Chennai Metro, and in the districts of Kancheepuram and Tiruvallur, 40 VHF static sets, 60 VHF mobile

sets 50 VHF Walkie Talkie sets and 2 repeaters with auxiliary equipment will be purchased at a cost of Rs.32 lakh and handed over.

9. The number of awardees for the annual prizes given on Fire Service Day on April 14 to employees who have rendered exemplary service will be doubled to six. The award carries a gold medal weighing 8 grams and a cash prize ranging from Rs.2,000/- to Rs. 3,000/- and is given to the Station Officer, Front-Ranking Fire-Fighter, Fire-Fighter and others occupying a similar post. The awards will be one at the Station Officer Level, 2 at the level of Front Ranking Fire Fighter and 3 at the level of Fire-Fighters.

10. My Government directed the Tamil Nadu Police Housing Corporation to construct tenements for the Personnel of the Fire and Rescue Services Department, Station Buildings and Office Buildings for the Department. In continuation of this, the Housing Corporation will take up repair works and annual maintenance in these tenements and buildings.

11. To further modernize this Department, Internet connection will be provided to 5 zonal offices, 34 divisional offices, State level Training centre, State workshop and Fire Services Control Room.

12. The Director of the Department will be vested with powers to condemn and remove 10-year-old portable pumps and floto pumps that have outlived their use.

13. The sanctioning power of the Director, Joint/Deputy Director and District Officer in respect of cash prizes to the best performing team/ individual will be enhanced. The lower and upper limits of sanction for the Director for team/ individual will be Rs. 1,000 to Rs.10,000 and from Rs. 250 to Rs. 1,500 respectively; for the Joint/ Deputy Director from Rs.600 to Rs. 2,000 and from Rs. 150 to Rs.500, and to the District Officer from Rs.250 to Rs. 1,000/- and for individuals from Rs. 75/- to Rs. 250/-.

XVI. Allowances on par with Police Department

14. My Government issued orders on 23.09.2013 enhancing the food allowances to the employees of the Department below the rank of Station Officer, who are on duty in response to fire/rescue calls and who are on continuous duty. The allowance is Rs.200/- per day in Chennai and Rs.150/- in other places. For Station Officers, Station Officers (Traffic) and Assistant District Officers the food allowance will hereafter be on par with those of Sub-Inspectors and Inspectors in the Police Department. The Government will incur an additional annual expenditure of Rs. 43 lakh on account of this.

15. The stitching charges for a pair of uniforms will be enhanced to Rs.450/- from Rs.250/- on par with Police Department personnel. This will entail an additional expenditure of Rs. 28 lakh per year to Government.

16. The food charges for the dogs in the Dog Squad maintained by the Fire and Rescue Services Department will be increased from Rs. 100/- to Rs.200/- per day and the monthly grooming charges from Rs.250/- to Rs. 300/- as is given to the dogs in the Police Department's Dog Squad.

Hon'ble Speaker, I believe I have given appropriate explanations to the views/charges/ suggestions of the Hon'ble Members and to the cut motions. If I have not met any point, I wish to inform I will go through the records and act on the views of the Hon'ble Members if there are justifiable grounds. Hence, I request Hon'ble Members to withdraw their cut motions and pass the demands for the Police and Fire and Rescue Service department.

Opposition Members' double talk on law and order exposed

'Women safe and secure in Tamil Nadu'

A gist of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa's** reply on 06.08.2014 to questions raised by Thiru. V.C. Chandrakumar, Desiya Murpokku Dravida Kazhagam Member, while participating in the debate on the demands for Police and Fire and Rescue Services Departments (English Translation).

After my Government took over the reins of administration, the Police are bestowing greater attention on crimes against women, filing cases in respect of all complaints, arresting culprits and take action against them as per law.

As a result, crimes against women in the State, particularly dowry killings, sexual assaults and molestation cases have come down.

If the Hon'ble Member says that crimes against women have increased when actually they have come down by 51 per cent when compared to the earlier DMK rule in respect of sexual assaults, it means he is speaking in ignorance.

Likewise, dowry killings came down by 28.48 per cent in 2013 when compared to 2010; molestation cases came down by 9.54 per cent in the said period. But cases under the Prevention of Dowry Act have increased to 277 in 2012 and 305 in 2013 while it was 195 in 2011 and 199 in 2010.

Under my rule, women come out boldly to lodge complaints in respect of crimes against them, as severe action is being taken against the criminals as per law by the Police. This may be the reason for the

slight rise in the number of cases. In contrast, in the earlier minority DMK rule, affected persons did not come forward to lodge complaints since the cases of crime against women were closed without taking proper action on them.

Hon'ble Speaker,

The Hon'ble DMDK Member Thiru. V.C. Chandrakumar has tried to record here information on the state of law and order which is contrary to facts.

The Legislative Assembly is the place where the opposition parties can express their views calmly, forcefully and with adequate proof. Democratic duty enjoins patient listening of the views of the members and rebutting them after getting the permission of the Speaker if such rebuttal is warranted. The Hon'ble Member has stated that law and order has deteriorated in Tamil Nadu as incidents of chain snatching and other crimes have increased.

It is the right of Opposition Members to ask questions. It is the duty of the Government to reply. This is democracy and these are the norms of democratic functioning. But there should be some basic qualifications to raise issues about incidence of crime, chain snatching and law and order deterioration. The member who has raised the law and order situation should ponder whether he himself has acted as required by law and order. The DMDK members should think whether they are qualified to talk about this. I advance the proof for my statement.

During Question hour in the Assembly on 08.02.2013, the Hon'ble DMDK Member Thiru. K. Tamizhazhagan expressed certain views after getting the permission of the Hon'ble Speaker to speak. Though the DMDK members including Thiru. Chandrakumar had the opportunity to rebut those views after getting the permission of the Chair, they surrounded Hon'ble Member Thiru. Michael Royappan and attacked him in a way that created a law and order issue in the Assembly itself. The matter was referred to the Privileges Committee. After viewing the video recordings connected with the incident, the committee recommended the suspension of 6 DMDK MLAs including Thiru. Chandrakumar from the Assembly for one year. Accordingly, a resolution was moved and passed in the Assembly on 25.03.2013. The petition filed by the DMDK Members in the Madras High Court against this order was dismissed. A Special Leave Petition filed in the Supreme Court against the High Court's order was also dismissed.

It does not lie in the mouth of DMDK Members who indulged in activities affecting law and order in this Assembly itself to talk about the law and order situation in the State, and particularly Thiru.V.C.Chandrakumar is not fit to do so.

The activities of several Members of that party including its leader, even outside the Assembly are of the nature of affecting law and order and committing crimes. I wish to point out a few incidents.

The DMDK Members and office-bearers are creating law and order problems. Their leader who has to show them the right path is facing several defamation cases for his utterances in public meetings and these cases are pending in courts. When the leader of that party came to the Nagercoil Court on 01.07.2013 in connection with a defamation case filed in the Kanniyakumari Sessions Court, 500 party members who accompanied him trespassed into the Court

complex. Even before the Judge summoned him, the leader along with 10 members entered into the Court Hall when another case was being heard and created disturbances. The Government Advocate complained about this to the judge. Thereupon, government advocates were assaulted by advocates of that political party. In this connection, a case has been filed and is under investigation.

When media persons were interviewing the DMDK leader at the airport on 22.10.2012, a private TV reporter was pushed down by DMDK men. A case has been filed against the leader and the MLA Anagai Murugesan in this connection. The latter was arrested.

Balan alias Balasubramaniam, Tiruppur District Deputy Secretary of DMDK and 10 others have been arrested in connection with crimes such as waylaying and burglary in locked houses in places including Udumalpet. The burgled gold jewellery has been recovered. And this party's members speak of chain snatching incidents! The weapons and vehicles used by them have been seized. Balan and another party member have been detained under Goondas Act.

Mariappan, Tirunelveli West District Forum President has been arrested and detained under Goondas Act in connection with brandishing of pistol and threatening tollgate employees while crossing the Nanguneri tollgate without paying the toll on 01.05.2013.

Chrompet Police registered a case following a complaint from the DMDK Pallavaram Secretary Ashok Kumar on 01.09.2013 that his own party MLA Anagai Murugesan and Headquarters speaker Valarpirai Chozhan and another person had attacked him and stolen ornaments weighing 12 sovereigns.

Suresh, son of Senbagavalli, 6th ward DMDK Member of the Thakkolam Town Panchayat (Vellore District) has been arrested and a case registered against him in connection with the murder of Head Constable of Thakkolam Police Station Kanakaraj. Suresh had pushed down Kanakaraj from the tractor in which Suresh was trying to smuggle sand mined from the Thakkolam river and ran the tractor over the Head Constable.

Jaganathan, Kanniyakumari East District DMDK Secretary, Gavaskar, Treasurer and his brother Rajan were arrested and sent to judicial remand. Rajan was arrested and detained by Eraniel Police on 17.06.2014 in connection with an attempt to murder case. Demanding his release, Jaganathan, Gavaskar and some others abused and picked up a quarrel with the constables at the Police Station and damaged a table and chairs. A case has been registered.

Murugan, DMDK Secretary, Puzhal Panchayat Union, his son and some others were caught red-handed while they were unloading old scrap aluminium from a container lorry they stole on 17.07.2014. They were arrested.

A case has been registered at the Pannai Police Station in connection with the theft of laptops by DMDK Tiruvallur East District student wing Secretary Sathyanarayanan and others from a lorry that transported the goods from Chennai Port on 04.09.2013. Sathyanarayanan and 10 others have been arrested and 222 laptops and 954 computers have been seized from them.

Kannan, DMDK Kethi Town Panchayat Secretary, Nilgiris District, has been arrested and a case has been registered in connection with the chasing away of Kethi Village Officer Ganesan

on 24.05.2014 by brandishing weapons and issuing murder threats and preventing him from planting saplings in Government land encroached upon by Kannan and under his possession for the last 10 years.

Madurai North District DMDK Deputy Secretary Senthil Pandi was arrested and a case registered on 14.07.2014 for possessing an unlicensed pistol with bullets.

Hon'ble Speaker,

Latha, Women's Wing Secretary of Villupuram Town DMDK was arrested on 04.02.2012 in connection with the possession of 2 kg of ganja and its sale.

These are all factual incidents and cases. There is evidence in all these cases. While indulging in criminal activities and in activities that derail law and order both inside and outside this Assembly, it is not known on what strength they are speaking here about the law and order situation. I wish to state that they can speak on the Police Department Demands after giving a pledge that they will preserve law and order inside and outside the Assembly.

Hon'ble Speaker,

Hon'ble Member Chandrakumar stated that no case had been filed against DMDK members during DMK rule and it started only when my Government came into office.

I wish to state a case was filed against the present Mettur MLA, S.R.Parthiban when he tried to lock the Tharamangalam VAO's office on 14.02.2011 and created law and order problem when Police tried to prevent it.

The Hon'ble member (Thiru. V. C. Chandrakumar) has tried to record wrong information here. He has mentioned rape incidents have increased in the State. I can firmly say that in the last 3 years, after I assumed office as Chief Minister for a third term, crimes against women and other types of crimes have all come down.

I set up All Women Police Stations in 1992, a forerunner in the entire country, to provide safety and security in all respects to women, eliminate crimes against them, protect their rights and enable them to lodge complaints directly in the Police Station without any hindrance. The number of such Police Stations gradually increased. Now, in all major cities, there is one All Women Police Station in every Police Sub-Division.

On the advice of my Government, the Police is bestowing greater attention on crimes against women. Cases are registered, culprits arrested and severe action is taken according to the law. Those who commit grave crimes like murdering women after sexual assault are detained under Goondas Act so as to prevent them from coming out on bail. As a result, there is adequate safety for women and crimes against them have come under control.

I prepared a 13- point action plan for preventing crimes against women, a first for the whole country in the wake of the brutal sexual assault of a medical student in New Delhi and her subsequent death.

This Government has announced and is implementing several programmes for women's development and their safety. Police have been making adequate safety arrangements at places where women congregate in large numbers, and in other places like their work spots, educational institutions, commercial complexes and temples. Police have also advised the managements of

commercial complexes, technological offices and the like to provide adequate protection to their women employees, fix closed circuit cameras in important places and not to send the women employees to their homes after they finish their night duty without proper security. I say proudly that Tamil Nadu is the one State in India where women are safe.

A demand for an 8-hour duty for the Police Department was placed here.

Police work is not a fixed-hour duty. For certain duties they work by rotation. Based on their work-load, rest is given. Over-time, food and other allowances are also given. Steps are being taken to reduce the work-load of Police Constables.

The Hon'ble Member also stated that camps were conducted in my earlier regime for Constables and Police Personnel to air their grievances. The camps were dispensed with after I took a direct interest in knowing the Police Personnel's grievances, collected their petitions and forwarded them to the authorities concerned. This has now been regularized. In the districts, subordinate personnel give their petitions to the Superintendent of Police and in Commisionerates, to the Commissioner of Police concerned, once in a month.

It is wrong to say that no steps had been taken in the last 4 years to recruit Sub-Inspectors of Police.

The Tamil Nadu Uniformed Personnel Recruitment Board had selected 12,162 persons in 2012 for Police Constable posts. Appointment orders were issued to 11,488 and they had joined their posts after completing training.

The Recruitment Board has been asked to select persons for 13,078 Armed Police Grade II Constables posts and 180 Constable posts in Tamil Nadu Special Police Force. Along with this, the Board is taking steps to recruit Personnel for 886 Sub-Inspector posts, 277 Sub- Inspectors (technical) and 202 finger print Sub- Inspectors.

Though the vacant posts are filled up periodically, considering the low percentage of Police Constables in the State, I ordered the setting up of Tamil Nadu Special Police Youth Brigade; 9,079 youths have been recruited to the Brigade and have been posted to different Police Stations.

At present, there are 20,506 vacancies. Government has ordered to fill up 14,623 vacancies and the Board is taking necessary steps in this regard. As for the remaining 5,883 vacancies, details are being collected from the districts. Steps are being taken to fill them up too.

'Agitations an index of democratic freedom'

If more agitations take place in Tamil Nadu, it does not mean that people have been pushed to such a situation. Whoever wants to agitate according to democratic norms, permission is given generously. In States like West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh no permission is accorded. I wish to point out to the Hon'ble Member that there are several things in this to feel proud of.

The Police do not refuse permission for people's movements held in a peaceful manner. Where there is prospect of clash between groups, permission is given with certain restrictions. Permission is denied only where the Police conclude that law and order will certainly be affected.

I wish to reiterate that if more than 21,000 agitations have taken place in Tamil Nadu, it means that democracy is flourishing in the State.

Union Minister lauds Tamil Nadu's model scheme, given pending proposals list

Meeting of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** with Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Union Minister of Urban Development, Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation and Parliamentary Affairs on 05.09.2014

The Hon'ble Union Minister of Urban Development, Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation and Parliamentary Affairs Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu called on the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa at the Secretariat today (05.09.2014). The Hon'ble Union Minister of Urban Development paid his respects to the Hon'ble Chief Minister whom he described as a very respected, senior and successful Chief Minister who has been a pioneer in implementing various successful schemes in the country.

The Hon'ble Union Minister of Urban Development discussed various issues relating to urban development and urban infrastructure in Tamil Nadu. The Hon'ble Union Minister of Urban Development, Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation and Parliamentary Affairs appreciated the pioneering efforts of the Hon'ble Chief Minister in the area of Rain Water Harvesting, Water Recycling and desalination which have provided useful models for the rest of the country.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister sought Government of India's support for two Sea

Water Reverse Osmosis plants for Chennai city, one with 150 MLD capacity costing Rs. 1,372 crores and another of 400 MLD capacity costing Rs. 4,071 crores.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also requested Government of India's support for various projects in Tamil Nadu including the development of 12 Smart Cities. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has also pointed out that the Government of Tamil Nadu has prepared Project Reports for various urban infrastructure projects to provide Drinking Water Supply, Under Ground Sewerage, Storm Water Drains, Flyovers, and Solid Waste Management in Urban areas in the State at a total project cost of Rs.26,000 crores which are awaiting clearance and funding by Government of India.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister sought an early clearance of the 9.051 km Extension of Corridor-I of the Chennai Metro Rail Project up to Thiruvottriyur and Wimco Nagar at an estimated updated cost of Rs. 3,770 crores. The Hon'ble Chief Minister also sought support for the implementation of the Phase-II of the Chennai Metro Rail project covering 3 corridors with a total distance of 76 kms. at a tentative cost of Rs. 36,100 crores.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also emphasized the need to include Srirangam in the list of Heritage Cities to be developed under the Government of India's programme announced in the Union Budget.

The Hon'ble Union Minister was accompanied by the Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development. The meeting was attended by the Chief Secretary, Adviser to Government, Principal Secretary, Finance, and Principal Secretary, Municipal Administration and Water Supply.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has also addressed a detailed letter dated 05.09.2014 to the Union Minister of Urban Development, Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation and Parliamentary Affairs outlining the requests and proposals of the Government of Tamil Nadu which are pending with the Ministry of Urban Development, Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation. The text of the letter is reproduced below.

"As you are aware, Tamil Nadu is the most urbanized large State in India. The financial needs of creating urban infrastructure and ensuring provision of urban services including housing are very large. The urban local bodies and other specialized agencies engaged in providing urban services and creating infrastructure require substantial support from the State and Central Governments. The Government of Tamil Nadu already ensures substantial funds flow to the urban local bodies and agencies from its own resources, both through tax devolution and through special grants under mission mode programmes. I have launched the Integrated Urban Development Mission and Chennai Mega City Mission and a special fund for Solid

Waste Management with a total annual allocation of Rs.1,350 crores. Innovative debt financing is arranged through the Tamil Nadu Urban Development Fund. Tamil Nadu has also been a pioneer in using Public Private Partnerships for delivery of urban services. However, rapid and growing urbanization has meant that there is still a need for substantial Central Government financial support.

The State Government has submitted proposals to the Government of India to fund two Sea Water Reverse Osmosis plants for the ever-growing Chennai city, one 150 MLD capacity plant costing Rs.1,372 crores and another 400 MLD capacity plant costing Rs.4,071 crores. Desalination is the only reliable solution for the growing drinking water needs of the city of Chennai. **Hence, the Ministry of Urban Development may consider funding 80% of the project cost of these two projects.**

The Government of Tamil Nadu has also kept ready Detailed Project Reports for various urban infrastructure projects to provide Drinking Water Supply, Under Ground Sewerage, Storm Water Drains, Flyovers, and Solid Waste Management in Urban areas in the State at a total project cost of Rs.26,000 crores, awaiting the guidelines for a new Central Government programme for supporting urban development and infrastructure. **I request you to kindly ensure the early finalization of the necessary guidelines and enable the allocation of sufficient funds for Tamil Nadu to take up the projects for execution.**

I had launched the Tamil Nadu Vision 2023 Document which envisages transforming important cities into world class cities that become nodes of growth across the state. **The Government of India may consider the inclusion of Chennai, Coimbatore, Madurai, Tiruchirappalli, Salem, Tiruppur, Erode, Vellore, Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi, Dindigul and Thanjavur Corporations in the Smart Cities programme announced in the Union Budget.**

Some key projects have already been approved by the Government of India for assistance. Pending finalization of the relevant guidelines, **funds may be released for the Erode Drinking Water Supply Scheme (Rs. 392.5 crores) and the 45 MLD Tertiary Treatment Reverse Osmosis (TTRO) Plant at Koyambedu, Chennai, and conveying main to Sriperumbudur, Irungattukottai and Oragadam (Rs.400 crores).** The TTRO plant is an innovative attempt to address the water scarcity in Chennai by treating sewage and using the treated water for industrial purposes. Hence this project deserves support on a priority basis.

The Government of India has withheld Rs.206 crores due to the State under the JNNURM. Tamil Nadu has completed almost all the reforms and the State has been awarded 99 marks out of 100 on this aspect. Hence, I reiterate our request for the early release of the withheld amount.

The Chennai Metro Rail Project is being implemented as a 50:50 joint venture between the Government of India and the Government of Tamil Nadu. **The Government of Tamil Nadu has already supported the proposal for Extension of Corridor-I of the Chennai Metro Rail Project up to Thiruvottriyur and Wimco Nagar covering a distance of 9.051 km at an estimated updated completion cost of Rs.3,770 crores. The matter has been pending with the Ministry of Urban Development for quite some time now. I request you to kindly approve the extension proposal at the earliest.** For the Chennai Metro Rail Project to provide its full benefits to the city, it is important that the three corridors with a total length of 76 KMs that have been identified for implementation under Phase-II at a tentative cost of Rs.36,100 crores are also taken up at the earliest. **The process of preparing the Detailed Project Report has been taken up and I seek your support for according necessary clearances for the Phase II of Chennai Metrorail Project as well.**

Urban Housing is a major challenge facing the State. The State Government has drawn up a program to construct 1.17 lakh tenements in 34 towns over the next three years at a cost of Rs.11,434 crores. **I request the Government of India to provide 50% funding i.e Rs.5,717 crores as their share under "Housing for All."**

Unit costs have to keep pace with the increasing costs of construction. **Accordingly, I request that the unit cost under the Housing for All Scheme (Rajiv Awas Yojana) may be enhanced to Rs 9.25 lakhs for Chennai and Rs.8.25 lakhs for other cities instead of Rs. 5 lakhs and Rs.4 lakhs to reflect the true cost of construction.**

At present, the Government of India does not fund the infrastructure development component of the housing projects, which means that the actual share of the State Government in the total project cost has effectively become 70% instead of the 40% as envisaged in the scheme. **I request you to kindly modify the guidelines to include the cost of infrastructure in the project cost.**

I have highlighted some of the key issues of importance to Tamil Nadu in the urban development sector for your urgent consideration. The officials of the State Government would follow up these and other related requests and issues with your Ministry. I request you to kindly accord the highest priority to these issues and ensure their early resolution to support Tamil Nadu's Vision of being a State that provides world class infrastructural facilities and services to its people."

NEWS IN PICTURES

Twenty-Six Deputy Superintendents of Police, who completed training at the Police Academy called on the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** at the Secretariat on 01.08.2014.

Chief Minister presents awards for excellence in handicrafts

The 'Living Handicraft Treasure' award, the first of its kind in India, and modelled after the 'Living National Treasures of Japan' award, as also the Poompuhar State Awards for the year 2013-2014 were presented to handicraft artisans by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Selvi J Jayalalithaa at the Secretariat on 28.08.2014.

The 'Living Handicraft Treasures' award carries a cash prize of Rs. 1 lakh, a copper plate, gold medal weighing a sovereign and a certificate.

While the Japanese Government identified 7 types of artefacts to honour its artisans, the Tamil Nadu Government has listed 16 types – Panchaloka sculptures, brass lamps/ brass artefacts, Thanjavur paintings, Thanjavur Art Plates, Wooden sculptures, stone sculptures, terracotta, kalamkari/batik/appliqué fabric paintings, papier mache dolls, mat weaving, bamboo/ palm leaf products, 'Netti' works, fibre products, temple jewellery, embroidery and others – for honouring artisans.

For the year 2013-2014, 10 handicraft artisans, aged above 65, were selected by a committee for the Living Handicraft Treasure award. For the Poompuhar State awards, which carry a cash prize of Rs. 50,000/-, a gold medal weighing 4 grams, a copper plate and a certificate, 14 artisans were selected. As a token of honouring them, the Hon'ble Chief Minister presented the Poompuhar award to one artisan and the 'Living Handicraft Treasures' award to 6 artisans.

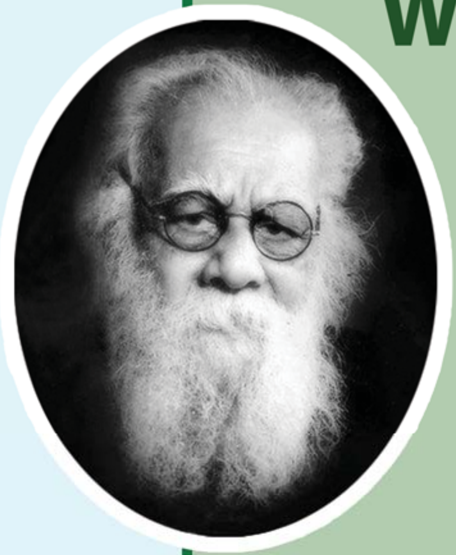
Till 2010-2011, only 10 awards were presented annually. To motivate the artisans further, 85 district level Poompuhar awards were introduced from 2011-2012 and 132 Next Generation Handicraft Artisan Competition awards from 2013-2014. With the 10 'Living Handicraft Treasure' awards presented on 28.08.2014, the Tamil Nadu Government is presenting 237 awards to handicraft artisans every year.

The India SME forum has selected Tamil Nadu as the best State for small and medium industrial enterprises for the year 2012-2013 and has presented an award. The Hon'ble Minister for Rural Industries and Labour Welfare showed the award and received the good wishes of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

In connection with the 136th birth anniversary of Thanthai Periyar on 17.09.2014, Hon'ble Ministers, the Deputy Speaker, MPs, MLAs, Mayor of Tiruppur, Deputy Mayor and representatives of local bodies paid floral tributes to a portrait of Thanthai Periyar at Tiruppur.

Thoughts of Thanthai Periyar

WHAT IS EDUCATION?



Education is not for merely earning a livelihood! If we sincerely believe that education is for gaining knowledge, it must be for attaining self-respect and freedom. It must make people live with love towards all and have hatred towards none. It must create a sense of unity. No one should think of harming or insulting others. Everyone must be made to feel for others and lead a disciplined and honest life.

To start with, you must impart self-respect to children. You must first teach children about manly actions. You must teach them to safeguard their dignity, honour and prestige. Teach them to live with equality. Teach them to be kind towards all. They must be taught about universal brotherhood. They must be taught to be patriotic. I would like to ask you now whether you are all able to do so. It is for you to think over the matter yourself.

The goal of human dignity

I wish all success in our march towards the goal:
the goal of a world without
the miser's heartless, stony stare,
the piteous wail of want,
the pallid face of crime,
the livid lips of lies,
the cruel eyes of scorn,
a disease of flesh or brain,-
where life lengthens,
fear dies,
joy deepens,
love intensifies and
Man regains his dignity.

\- **Perarignar Anna**

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** sprinkled flowers on a portrait of Perarignar Anna placed near his statue at L.I.C corner, Avinasi Road, Coimbatore and paid homage to Anna in connection with his 106th birth anniversary on 15.09.2014. Hon'ble Ministers, MPs, MLAs, representatives of local bodies and a large section of the general public participated.

Slew of schemes to upgrade Coimbatore's urban facilities

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** on 24.08.2014 (English Translation)

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has unveiled a slew of schemes costing Rs. 2,930.79 crore to further boost the infrastructure facilities in Coimbatore city in continuation of the announcement made in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly that a Rs.451.66 crore protected drinking water scheme would be implemented for the Coimbatore Municipal Corporation area.

In a statement issued on 24.08.2014, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has said the following schemes will be implemented:

(1) New buildings will be constructed for 12 Urban Health Centres; 20 such centres will be upgraded; a new Urban Health Centre will be set up – all at a cost of Rs. 7.04 crore.

(2) To de-congest traffic in Coimbatore City the following steps will be taken:-

(a) A new integrated bus stand will be set up at a cost of Rs. 125 crore on 50 acre area at Vellalore locality under the Tamil Nadu Infrastructure Development Board Fund;

(b) A project report will be prepared on the basis of a study for a lorry-stand with manifold infrastructure facilities outside Coimbatore City.

(c) A semi-circular road will be laid connecting the roads to Avinasi, Mettupalayam, Sathyamangalam and Tiruchi by rectifying Sanganoor Pallam and making its two banks motorable for light vehicles. Also a detailed report will be prepared for re-locating the people living on the banks.

(d) Multi-storeyed vehicle parking lots will be set up at Gandhipuram, R.S.Puram – D.B Road and Town Hall. Detailed plan estimates are being prepared for implementing the scheme at a cost of Rs. 80 crore with public participation.

(3) 2,912 tenements will be constructed through the Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board at a cost of Rs. 443.55 crore on a 20 acre plot belonging to the Coimbatore Corporation for providing houses to house-less poor.

(4) A tunnel will be laid in the Peria Kombai Hill and Kattam Hill at a cost of Rs. 100 crore for executing the 3rd drinking water scheme for Coimbatore City.

(5) Underground sewerage scheme will be implemented in the areas now annexed with the Coimbatore Municipal Corporation. Detailed plan estimates are being prepared for the scheme to be implemented by TWAD Board. Also, storm water drainage facility will be provided to a length of 1,745 KM in phases in the newly annexed areas. Detailed estimates for taking up these works at a cost of Rs. 1,550 crore, are under preparation.

(6) Roads damaged on account of works on underground drainage and drinking water pipelines will be repaired at a cost of Rs. 60 crore.

(7) As an environmental measure in Coimbatore, a scheme to recycle the building debris into utility goods will be implemented for the first time in Tamil Nadu at a cost of Rs. 12.80 crore.

In the last 3 years, the Government had allotted Rs. 309.21 crore for executing 1,490 works to provide basic facilities in Coimbatore City. Most of the works have been completed.

A multi-storeyed building is under construction at the Coimbatore Government Medical College Hospital at a cost of Rs.57.19 crore; a zonal cancer treatment centre is being set up at this hospital at a cost of Rs.15 crore; a new building costing Rs.7 crore and modern equipment besides upgraded facilities for the operation theatre have been provided to the Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (CEmONC) centre of this hospital.

Also, works costing Rs. 162 crore for setting up a flyover and a pedestrian sub-way at Dr. Nanjappa Road and Chinnasamy Road for reducing traffic congestion in Gandhipuram Bus Stand area, have already been taken up. ■

Higher health cover for handloom weavers

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa has directed the implemenatation of the National Health Insurance Scheme for handloom weavers and their families in the State so that they can get a higher insurance cover in a transparent way.

The national scheme is on the lines of the 'Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana'. The scheme covers handloom weavers both in the Co-operative sector and outside it as also workers in subsidiary occupations connected to the handloom industry.

The registration fee to be paid by the weavers will be borne by the State Government itself.

The 2.70 lakh beneficiaries under the Welfare Insurance Scheme that was in vogue in 2013-2014 will be included in this National Medical Insurance Scheme.

Electronic ID cards were distributed to 5 beneficiaries coming under this scheme on 01.09.2014. Camps are being held in all districts from 01.09.2014 to 30.09.2014 to enroll weavers in this scheme.

Handloom weavers can participate in these camps with their families and register themselves as beneficiaries. All the enrolled members will start getting benefits under this National Medical Insurance Scheme from 01.10.2014. ■

Boost to basic amenities in Thanjavur, Dindigul

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Selvi J Jayalalithaa on 26.08.2014
(English Translation)

Last year my Government upgraded the Municipalities of Thanjavur and Dindigul into Municipal Corporations, taking into account the increase in population, growth in commercialization and urbanization and increase in revenue.

To develop the basic facilities for the people of Thanjavur, 454 works were taken up in the last 3 years costing Rs. 61.50 crore. Most of the works have been completed and the rest are under execution.

Likewise, 119 works were taken up at a cost of Rs. 29.15 crore for the people of Dindigul. Most of the works have been completed.

Besides, sanction has been accorded for Rs. 70.50 crore, for re-structuring the Kamarajar Sagar Dam drinking water scheme, now under execution for the Dindigul city and for implementing the drinking water improvement scheme to supply 26 MLD (million litres per day) of water to the wayside villages coming under the Kamarajar Sagar scheme.

My Government has decided to provide more basic facilities to the people of Thanjavur Municipal Corporation at a cost of Rs. 82.43 crore. Accordingly,

(1) Drinking water development works will be taken up in Thanjavur Municipal Corporation at an estimated cost of Rs. 45.69 crore;

(2) Underground drainage works and repair works of roads damaged due to drinking water supply works will be taken up at a cost of Rs. 25 crore;

(3) Upgradation of Sivagangai Poonga at a cost of Rs. 5 crore is to be taken up by way of improving the beauty and cleanliness of Thanjavur City;

(4) Pedestrian footpaths will be erected at a cost of Rs. 1 crore;

(5) Street Lights costing Rs.75 lakh will be installed.

(6) Public Conveniences will be provided at a cost of Rs.4.99 crore to avert health hazards caused by open defecation.

Likewise, the following basic facilities will be provided to Dindigul city people at a cost of Rs. 42.85 crore;

(1) Luminiscent guide posts will be set up and signs displayed at the Municipal Corporation boundaries and in streets to help the general public and tourists to easily locate roads and tourist spots;

(2) Water bodies will be developed and rain water harvesting structures set up at a cost of Rs. 1.35 crore;

(3) A new office building will be constructed for the Municipal Corporation at a cost of Rs. 5 crore to provide necessary facilities for the visiting public, elected representatives and Corporation officials;

(4) Development of Bus stand at a cost of Rs. 5 crore by improving bus sheds, platforms, toilet facilities and setting up of a restaurant;

(5) Road improvement works to a length of 65 km in Corporation areas at a cost of Rs. 17.50 crore;

(6) To prevent stagnation of rain water on roads, rainwater drainage will be set up at a cost of Rs. 10 crore;

(7) Modern toilets will be provided at 10 places at a cost of Rs. 1.50 crore for preventing open defecation and create a healthy environment.

Wildlife Awareness Centre at Guindy

The Tamil Nadu Zoo Authority, headed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa had sanctioned Rs. 70 lakh for setting up a Wildlife Awareness Centre at the Guindy Children's Park and to create facilities for promoting awareness in this regard. The Centre has been set up at a cost Rs. 45.60 lakh.

Models of tropical deciduous and evergreen forests have been exhibited at this centre. There are also models of 58 kinds of forest animals, birds and reptiles. The air-conditioned centre has a sound and light show, in Tamil and English, on the forms of wildlife.

The models of plants and forest animals set up at the centre will make visitors feel one with nature. Four shows have been planned for each day - 2 in the morning and 2 in the evening. Each show can cater to 25 persons.

Chief Minister slams diesel price hike, seeks new price policy

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Selvi J Jayalalithaa on 30.08.2014 (English Translation)

When inflation, particularly food inflation has not been controlled to the desired level, the oil companies have increased the price of diesel, which is instrumental in pushing up food inflation, by 50 paise a litre from midnight tonight. This causes concern.

The diesel price fixation policy, followed by the earlier Congress Coalition Government at the Centre, is responsible for making the oil companies announce such price hikes. The poor are saddened that the oil companies have raised the diesel price on the strength of the price fixation policy of the earlier Congress Coalition Government at the Centre, when all over the world diesel prices are coming down.

This price rise in diesel will push up transport charges, pave the way for a rise in the price of essential commodities, vegetables and fruits. It would possibly push up the fares for other vehicles also, greatly affecting those who commute by private buses to schools, colleges and offices. Tourists will also be affected.

Diesel price hike sets off a chain reaction. It pushes up the price of all goods. By controlling it, all types of inflation including food inflation would come down.

The diesel price announced by the oil companies is based on the wrong policies of the earlier Congress Coalition Government at the Centre.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister is bringing about changes in different sectors. I request that special attention be given to the price fixation policy of petroleum products, as I have pointed out on several occasions, and changes be brought about in that policy so as to control inflation and price raise. I also request that the hike in diesel price effected now be withdrawn.

Tamil Nadu warning against area-based economic incentives

D.O. letter dated 24.08.2014 addressed by Selvi J Jayalalithaa, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, New Delhi.

"I understand that the Government of India has referred an additional term of reference to the Fourteenth Finance Commission, regarding making recommendations on the resources that would be available to the successor or reorganized States on the re-organization of the State of Andhra Pradesh in accordance with the Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act, 2014. The Act promises a number of fiscal and economic benefits to the successor States in Section 93 read with the Thirteenth Schedule and in Section 94. As a neighbouring State, we do not begrudge the benefits that are sought to be conferred on the successor States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana for their development. However, sub-section (1) of Section 94 which states as follows, is of particular concern to us in Tamil Nadu:

"94. (1) The Central Government shall take appropriate fiscal measures, including offer of tax incentives, to the successor States, to promote industrialisation and economic growth in both the States."

This provision promises tax concessions to the two States to promote industrialization and economic growth. The nature and type of concessions have not been indicated in the Act and the matter appears to have been left to the discretion of the Government of India. I understand that there are demands from certain quarters that area based tax concessions should be provided to Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Hence, it would be appropriate to intervene at this stage and express some of the apprehensions and reservations that Tamil Nadu has as a neighbouring State.

As you are aware, the general direction of taxation reforms in India has been towards rationalization and simplification of various

exemptions. A conscious attempt has been consistently made at harmonizing indirect tax rates amongst States and to eliminate harmful tax competition. This led to the introduction of the Value Added Tax regime which substituted the earlier Sales Tax regime at the State level. The Centre, over the last two decades, has also attempted to reduce and eliminate various exemptions. A major aberration in this regard was the introduction of area based exemptions from income tax and central excise for new industrial units located in certain parts of Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal in 2003.

I recall that there was a spirited debate on this issue in the meeting of the National Development Council held in June, 2005, and I had also written to the then Prime Minister seeking withdrawal of such exemptions in August 2005. In the NDC meeting, almost all the Chief Ministers had even then favoured the scrapping of such exemptions as they significantly distorted the investment decisions of companies and corporate houses, thereby drastically affecting the investment climate in their own States. Independent analysis has also acknowledged that the area-based exemption scheme was not calibrated properly and did not take into account the possibility of flight of capital and relocation of units from other States in the country. Any extension of such area based concessions to Andhra Pradesh or Telengana would cause a huge flight of capital and relocation of industries, in particular from neighbouring States. It would also make the neighbouring States totally uncompetitive. In fact, such concessions to new industries would render existing industries, both in neighbouring States and even in the States where such concessions are granted, completely uncompetitive. These are grave risks which cannot be ignored.

Such area based exemptions are also fiscally very expensive. The Statement of Revenue Foregone presented to Parliament in July, 2014, along with the Union Budget for 2014-15 indicates that the total revenue foregone through such area based tax concessions during 2013-14 was Rs.9,267.5 crores in direct taxes and almost Rs.18,000 crores in excise duty. These are revenues which could have been shared with the States. If a similar concession is extended to the successor States of Andhra Pradesh or Telengana, the fiscal impact would be substantially greater, given the much larger size of the States and the fact that these States have a fairly well developed infrastructural base.

It must also be pointed out that when a bifurcation of three States took place in 2000, neither Jharkhand and Chattisgarh, two of the newly created States nor the residual States of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh received any such fiscal incentive. In the case of Uttarakhand, then Uttaranchal, the comparison could have been with Himachal Pradesh, another hill state with issues of difficult terrain and remoteness, which was already categorized as a special category state on par with the North Eastern States, Jammu and Kashmir and Sikkim. A similar categorisation cannot be made in the case of either Andhra Pradesh or Telengana.

A very limited, time bound exemption may be justified to enable an area to recover from a natural disaster. An area based exemption was granted for a limited period of 3 years for the Kutch area of Gujarat in 2001 soon after the devastating earthquake that struck the area. However, when I made a similar request on 6th June, 2005, for a limited excise duty holiday for the areas affected by the catastrophic tsunami in Tamil Nadu in December 2004, no such concession was provided by the then UPA Government even when adequate justification existed.

The Andhra Pradesh State Re-organization Act, 2014, already contains a substantial and significant economic package. Hence, I strongly urge you to adopt a cautious approach to the complex issue of providing area based tax concessions in the name of encouraging economic development in these two States. Such exemptions run counter to one of the basic thrusts of economic reforms — a rational tax policy that is neutral, encourages a common market in the country, rewards competitive efficiency, and exploits comparative advantage. Any shift of investments from States with a strong infrastructure and trained manpower to other States motivated by tax reliefs alone would undo the two decade long work of rationalisation of tax structures.

Despite having put in place sunset clauses on area based exemptions during their two terms in office, the previous UPA Government, on grounds of sheer short term political expediency, offered this vaguely worded promise of taking appropriate fiscal measures including distortionary tax incentives. This reflects the moral bankruptcy of the previous UPA Government.

Your Government must exercise the greatest care in approaching this issue. Nothing should be done which would distort economic incentives or a level playing field and render States like Tamil Nadu uncompetitive vis a vis their neighbours. It would be highly ill-advised to offer across the board area based tax concessions.

I am confident that you would definitely consider all aspects of this issue and ensure that the interests of neighbouring States like Tamil Nadu are fully protected while taking a final decision.” ■

NEWS IN PICTURES

Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** made a token presentation of appointment orders to 7 teachers on 28.08.2014, to mark the appointment of 14,700 teachers.

Chief Minister writes to PM on long term transmission capacity

D.O. letter dated 13.08.2014 addressed by Selvi J Jayalalithaa, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

"I am writing this letter requesting your urgent intervention in the matter of allocation of transmission capacity under Long Term Access by the Power Grid Corporation of India Limited to enable transmission of power from the Western and Eastern Regions to Tamil Nadu, for which 15 years Power Purchase Agreements have been signed with Private Power Producers by the Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited (TANGEDCO). Based on the advice of the Ministry of Power to go in for Long Term Power Purchase to meet the demand supply gap, TANGEDCO has signed Long Term Power Purchase agreements for 15 years commencing from 2014 for 3,330 MW. Of this, 2,158 MW is contracted from Private Power Producers outside the Southern Region. These suppliers have applied for Long Term Access from November, 2013, to January, 2014, to the Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd (PGCIL), the designated Central Transmission Utility.

You are aware that the Sholapur to Raichur inter-regional transmission lines with a capacity of 4,000 MW have been commissioned enabling flow of power from the Western Region to the Southern Region. Even though a transmission capacity of 4,000 MW has been created, a total transfer capability of 1,100 MW and available transfer capability of 350 MW only has been declared by the PGCIL for the present after considering a high transmission reliability margin of 750 MW. This implies that only 350 MW can flow to the Southern Region now.

When the applications for Long Term Access from the long term power suppliers of the

Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited (TANGEDCO) are pending with the PGCIL since November 2013, the Ministry of Power has allocated an additional 377 MW of surrendered power of the Government of Delhi to Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Kerala over and above the present allocation of 316 MW to these States up to 31.03.2015. This will adversely affect availing of transmission capacity under Long Term Access by Tamil Nadu as even temporary allocation of power from Central Generating Stations (CGS) is considered equivalent to long term power for allocation of transmission capacity.

I am of the considered view that this temporary allocation of power by the Ministry of Power should not curtail the genuine Long Term Access entitlement of Tamil Nadu. Further, fixing high transmission reliability margin of 750 MW, requires review and reconsideration. Therefore, I request your urgent intervention to advise the Ministry of Power and the Power Grid Corporation of India to consider the Long Term Access application of power suppliers to Tamil Nadu without taking into account the temporary allocation of surrendered power of 693 MW to some of the Southern States. The Ministry of Power and PGCIL may be also be directed to review the transmission reliability margin so that Tamil Nadu can get its rightful share of Long Term Access."

His Excellency the Governor of Tamil Nadu **Dr. K. Rosaiah** administered oath of office to Thiru. P.V. Ramana, appointed Minister for Dairy Development, at Raj Bhavan on 06.09.2014. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa,** Hon'ble Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Hon'ble Ministers and Chief Secretary to Government participated.

Consensus sought on key GST issues

D.O.Letter dated 17.08.2014 addressed by **Selvi J Jayalalithaa,** Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to **Shri Narendra Modi** Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

"As you may recall, I had handed over a Memorandum to you on 03.06.2014, highlighting some very crucial issues of concern to Tamil Nadu. One of these issues was the impact of the proposed Goods and Services Tax (GST) on the fiscal autonomy of States and the huge permanent revenue loss such a taxation system is likely to cause to a manufacturing and net exporting State like Tamil Nadu.

I understand that a further revised draft Constitutional Amendment Bill on GST has been circulated to the States by the Government of India on 20.06.2014. I am happy to note that some of the concerns that I had raised have been addressed in the latest draft Bill, with the provisions relating to Declared Goods having been removed and alcoholic liquor for human consumption kept outside GST. The provisions relating to advisory Committees for dispute resolution have also been deleted.

However, a number of concerns still remain. Foremost amongst these is the issue of fiscal autonomy. The proposed GST Council with the functions assigned to it will override the supremacy of the Legislature – both at the Centre and in the States in taxation matters. This is unacceptable to Tamil Nadu.

The Amendment Bill also does not include enabling provisions for States to levy higher taxes on Tobacco and Tobacco products, similar to what has been permitted for the Centre. Tobacco consumption is a public health hazard and many States including Tamil Nadu are levying higher taxes on tobacco, which should continue to be permitted.

Petroleum products such as petrol and diesel which are currently outside the purview of State VAT in most States, are still proposed to be covered by GST under the draft Bill. A new provision has been made in the revised draft amendment Bill which enables States to levy additional taxes over and above the GST on the sale of petroleum products. However, this system of a dual levy of GST and an additional tax is not acceptable to Tamil Nadu as a portion of the tax on petroleum products would still be eligible for input tax credit. Considering the short supply chain, collection of tax on Petroleum and Petroleum products at the first and second points of sale is now done efficiently and without leakage. Bringing these products under the ambit of GST will entail huge revenue loss to the States as Input Tax Credit will have to be provided. Hence, I reiterate my earlier request that Petroleum and Petroleum products should be kept outside the purview of GST.

In addition, it is also being made out by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas that due to the levy of irrecoverable taxes such as entry tax, octroi, and Input Tax Credit availment restrictions on crude oil and other petroleum products, there are a number of "State Specific Costs" that are perforce passed on to the consumers in the State. Abolition of such irrecoverable dues has been sought so as to enable the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) to reduce "under-recoveries" without increasing the prices for petroleum products.

In this context, I have already stated in a number of fora that the "under-recoveries" of the OMCs are not

really losses and are notionally calculated on the basis of international prices of petroleum products which is neither relevant nor fair since a portion of the crude oil is domestically produced and what is imported into India is crude oil and not petroleum products. In this context, only an actual cost based formula would be appropriate to determine the real subsidy burden falling on the OMCs. This figure is much lower and the State levies are not as large a burden as is being made out. States have to protect their slender tax base and cannot be expected to subsidize what is essentially a Central responsibility through foregoing their legitimate revenues.

Further, in Tamil Nadu, no State specific levies like entry tax, octroi, cess or surcharge are being levied on petroleum products. As far as Input Tax Credit (ITC) on crude oil is concerned, the OMCs/ refineries are eligible to avail of Input Tax Credit to the extent of tax paid on purchase of Crude Petroleum from ONGC on the sale of eligible products like lubricants and commercial LPG. Other petroleum products are non-VAT goods and hence not eligible for Input Tax Credit. Making all petroleum products VAT goods, in order to reduce the subsidy burden of the Government of India will result in a drastic fall in State revenue. It is also a precursor to including all petroleum products under GST and hence, this proposal is unacceptable to Tamil Nadu.

Manufacturing States like Tamil Nadu stand to permanently lose substantial revenue if GST is implemented. However, there is no assurance of a permanent compensation mechanism. Further, the State's experience with the Centre's compensation mechanism both for the introduction of VAT and the reduction of Central Sales Tax has been far from satisfactory and does not inspire confidence that a fair, hassle-free and workable compensation mechanism can be devised and implemented. Hence, it is imperative that an independent compensation mechanism for revenue losses suffered by the States should be enshrined in the Constitution itself and not reduced to an instrument of Union policy which may change from time to time. **Hence, I reiterate my earlier suggestion that the Amendment Bill should provide for an independent compensation mechanism in this regard.**

I understand that the Sub-Committees constituted by the Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers on various aspects of GST such as the problems of dual control, threshold and exemptions in the GST regime; on Inter-State GST and GST on imports; and on revenue neutral rates for State GST and Central GST and place of supply rules are yet to submit their final reports.

May I also point out that many of the concerns that I have raised, as also the apprehension amongst many of the present VAT assessees that they would now be subjected to two sets of taxation authorities, could be overcome if a simpler structure of completely delegating the levy, collection and appropriation of the substitutes for VAT, Central Excise Duty and Service Tax within a State to the State machinery is put in place, with the Central machinery focusing on inter-State taxation? Not only would such an arrangement be administratively much simpler, but it would also ensure that the original Constitutional design of fiscal federalism of leaving the States in complete control of at least one sizeable source of revenue is preserved. I believe it is still not too late to move forward on GST by putting in place the elegant solution I have suggested.

In any event, I strongly urge you that a broad consensus on key and contentious issues like dual rate bands, taxation threshold, IGST Model, commodities to be excluded from GST, clarity on dual administrative control, compensation period and methodology, should be arrived at among the States and with the Central Government before the enactment of the Constitutional Amendment Bill on GST is taken up.

I look forward to a positive response from you in this matter".

Tamil Nadu shares Kashmir's grief, donates Rs. 5 crore

Press Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa on 08.09.2014

The unprecedented floods and landslides in Jammu & Kashmir have caused extensive damage to property and have taken a heavy toll of lives. This has also caused untold suffering to the people of the State and tourists visiting Jammu & Kashmir.

The Government of India declared the flood situation in Jammu & Kashmir as a National-level disaster. The Army has evacuated more than 15,000 people from inundated areas across the State.

On behalf of the State Government and people of Tamil Nadu, I convey my heartfelt condolences to the family members of all those who have lost their lives in the colossal tragedy. The State of Jammu & Kashmir is faced with the arduous task of ensuring immediate rescue, relief and rehabilitation measures for the flood ravaged areas and reconstruction of the devastated areas in the coming days. As a token of the support and solidarity of the Government and people of Tamil Nadu with the Government and people of Jammu & Kashmir in their hour of need, I have ordered the immediate contribution of a sum of Rs. 5 crore from the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund to the Government of Jammu & Kashmir.

The Government of Tamil Nadu stands ready to render any other assistance as may be required by the Government of Jammu & Kashmir.

Letter to Finance Minister shared with other CMs

Chief Minister expresses concern over proposed GST legislation

D.O. letter dated 10.09.2014 addressed by Selvi J Jayalalithaa, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to Shri Arun Jaitley, Hon'ble Union Minister of Finance, Corporate Affairs and Defence, New Delhi.

"You may kindly recall that when I met you on 03.06.2014 I had handed over a letter along with a background note highlighting some of the crucial financial issues pertaining to Tamil Nadu, including the proposed Goods and Services Tax.

Subsequent to that, a revised draft Constitution Amendment Bill was circulated on 20.06.2014 which addressed some of the concerns that States, including Tamil Nadu, had. I understand that the provisions relating to Declared Goods have been removed and alcoholic liquor for human consumption has been kept outside GST. Further, the provisions relating to Advisory Committees for dispute resolution have also been deleted.

It has been brought to my notice that during the recent meeting of the Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers held on 20.08.2014, consensus was reached amongst the States on some more issues including that the threshold limit for levy of GST on goods and services should be fixed at Rs.10 lakhs; the threshold limit for compounding scheme should be fixed at Rs.50 lakhs with a floor rate of tax at 1%; and that the Exemption list under GST should be common for both CGST and SGST. I do hope that the Government of India would accede to all these points. Besides this, I would also suggest that States should be allowed to grant exemption on all goods of local importance without any restrictions. Further, to avoid dual control, States should be vested with the control of dealers having a turnover up to Rs.1.5 crores both for intra-State and inter-State supply of goods and services, whereby the Centre can avoid expanding its administrative machinery while collecting CGST from such dealers.

The proposal of the Government of India to bring petroleum products under the ambit of the Goods and Services Tax is another area of concern which would seriously diminish the limited revenue resources of the States. The proposed system of dual levy wherein the States will also be empowered to continue the existing levy of tax on the sale of petroleum products in addition to the levy of GST is not acceptable, as a portion of the tax on petroleum products would still be eligible for Input Tax Credit. I would also like to point out that Tamil Nadu has strong misgivings about the latest suggestion of the Government of India that the GST component of the levy on petroleum products can be at a very low rate or even zero-rated for an initial period of at least 3 years to avert any possible sudden revenue loss to the States. There is no certainty that, in a period of three years, the revenue gain on account of levy of tax on services and on import of goods would be substantial enough to offset the revenue loss on account of bringing petroleum products under the ambit of GST nor is there any guarantee that GST will not be prematurely imposed on petroleum products. Since the resources of the States are already limited, I strongly urge that Petroleum and Petroleum products should be kept completely outside the ambit of GST.

Tamil Nadu is presently levying higher taxes on tobacco and tobacco products at rates of tax ranging from 14.5% to 20%. Considering the health hazards involved in tobacco consumption, the Government of India is presently urging all the States to levy higher VAT on tobacco and tobacco products. However, the draft Constitution Amendment Bill does not include enabling provisions for States to levy higher taxes on tobacco and tobacco products, on par with the Central Government. I, therefore, urge that States should also be empowered to levy higher taxes on tobacco and tobacco products on par with powers proposed to be vested with the Centre to levy Excise Duty on tobacco and tobacco products in the draft Bill.

The threshold limit for levy of GST; the goods and services which are to be exempted; the rates including floor rates with bands; the taxes to be subsumed under GST are some of the crucial factors for determining the Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR). The "Place of Supply of Service Rules" which are to be framed will also play a vital role in estimating the tax revenue from services to the States. Without finalizing these important elements, it may not be feasible to accurately calculate the State-wise Revenue Neutral Rates. In any case, the cumulative nominal rate of GST (CGST+SGST) cannot be fixed very high, as it would appear regressive and this is bound to keep the GST rate well below the Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) for a State like Tamil Nadu. Hence, there is bound to be huge revenue loss for Tamil Nadu.

It cannot be denied that manufacturing States like Tamil Nadu stand to permanently lose substantial revenue if GST is implemented, due to the sudden shift of levy from the point of origin to the point of destination. In addition to the revenue loss arising out of phasing out of CST and transfer of Input Tax Credit on inter-State Sales and inter-State Stock transfers, the State also stands to lose substantial revenue arising out of subsumation of other taxes such as Entertainment Tax, Luxury Tax, Entry Tax on Vehicles and Betting Tax.

In this context, I understand that the Gujarat Government has proposed that States should be allowed to make an upfront deduction of 2% of the total output IGST amount levied on all the dealers in the State in a given tax period. They have also proposed a further 2% deduction from IGST to be credited to a "Compensation Fund" maintained by the Government of India. You had mentioned this proposal to me in the course of our discussions on 03.06.2014. I have had the matter examined in detail. While this suggestion would take care of the revenue loss due to the phasing out of CST, however, Tamil Nadu stands to lose substantial revenue on account of transfer of Input Tax Credit on inter-State sales and inter-State stock transfers, which the State presently retains to the extent of 3% in respect of inter-State sales and 5% in respect of inter-State stock transfer. Hence, it is suggested that all the States may be permitted to retain the entire 4% of the CGST part of the IGST on all inter-State sales without crediting any amount to a compensation fund. This will enable a substantial reduction in the compensation payable to the States. At the same time, since it could come out of the CGST part of the IGST, it would not place the destination State at any disadvantage with regard to revenue flow.

Hence, I am of the view that an independent compensation mechanism and methodology for revenue losses suffered by the States is an essential prerequisite for implementation of GST. It is understood that officials of the Government of India have suggested a separate legal provision for compensation, as part of the enabling GST Legislation. I am of the opinion that a mere legal provision will not serve the interests of the States. A compensation mechanism should be enshrined in the Constitution itself and not reduced to an instrument of Union policy which may change from time to time.

May I also reiterate my views that, before the enactment of the Constitutional Amendment Bill on GST is taken up, the Government of India should strive for a broad consensus on the important issues relating to GST like compensation period and methodology, revenue neutral rates, floor rates with bands, commodities to be excluded from GST, IGST Model and clarity on dual administrative control, so that the genuine apprehension of the States over loss of fiscal autonomy and permanent revenue loss are allayed?" ■

Chief Minister brings other CMs into GST discussion

D.O. letter dated 10.09.2014 addressed by Selvi J Jayalalithaa, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to the Chief Ministers of all the States, enclosing the copy of the letter sent to Shri Arun Jaitley, Hon'ble Union Minister of Finance, Corporate Affairs and Defence, New Delhi.

"As you are well aware, the Government of India has recently circulated a revised draft Constitutional Amendment Bill on Goods and Services Tax (GST). While the intention of the draft Bill is to provide for a common national market for goods and services, there are a number of serious concerns on the impact the proposed GST would have on the fiscal autonomy of the States and the resultant huge permanent loss such a taxation system would cause.

I have, therefore, addressed the Union Minister for Finance, Corporate Affairs and Defence, regarding the genuine apprehensions of the State over loss of fiscal autonomy and permanent loss of revenue. I would like to share a copy of the said letter with you. (copy enclosed)

I do hope you will agree with my views that, before enactment of the Constitutional Amendment Bill on GST is taken up, the Government of India should strive for a broad consensus on the important issues relating to GST without compromising the fiscal autonomy of the States."

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa declared open through video conferencing at the Secretariat on 27.06.2014, the Tourist Reception Centre at Karaikudi. The Hon'ble Chief Minister also laid the foundation/declared open new projects of the Departments of Tourism, Art and Culture, Museum and Archaeology.

Veerapuram firing range to be spruced up

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** on 29.08.2014

(English Translation)

By way of making Tamil Nadu an exemplar for the whole of India, my Government has been taking several constructive steps to develop sports and create infrastructural facilities for it.

During my first term of office as Chief Minister, my Government developed the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium to international standards and set up the multi–purpose indoor stadium, Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium, Nungambakkam Tennis stadium and Velachery Swimming Pool complex.

I set up the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT) to foster interest in sports among the youth so that they could go on and establish records in National and International events. In my second term several measures were taken to encourage sports including creation of an integrated firearms shooting facility. Now, in my third term, in 2011, the integrated structure for firearms shooting was improved. Financial assistance has been increased manifold to sports personnel who have won medals at international competitions. In 2013, the FIDE's Chess World Championship Competition was successfully held.

As a result of the concerted steps taken by my Government in the field of sports, sportsmen/sportswomen from Tamil Nadu won gold and silver medals in the 2014 Commonwealth Games and I honoured them with a high cash incentive of Rs. 2.70 crore in total.

Of the 64 medals won by India in the recently held Commonwealth Games, 17 came through shooting competitions. But no one from Tamil Nadu participated in these shooting competitions.

On 28.08.2014, I convened a meeting at the Secretariat to consider the additional facilities to be created for the youth of Tamil Nadu to participate in International shooting competitions and win medals.

Hon'ble Minister for Finance and PWD, Hon'ble Minister for Electricity, Prohibition and Excise, Hon'ble Minister for Housing,

Hon'ble Minister for Highways and Minor Ports, Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development, Chief Secretary to Tamil Nadu Government, Adviser to Tamil Nadu Government and other top officials participated.

After a detailed discussion, I ordered that the following works be taken up so that youngsters can get training in firearms shooting. The works will cost Rs.40 crore.

(1) At the present Firing Range at Veerapuram, there are only a few tracks with electronic facility. Hence, works costing Rs. 18 crore will be taken up to set up 240 tracks at the Tamil Nadu Police Academy at Oonamancheri --- 90 in 10 metres range, 60 in 25 metres range, and 90 in 50 metres range --- 10 more tracks each in 10, 25 and 50 metres ranges for the final competitions, and construction of buildings for locating the fire ranges; ancilliary tools of International standards for shooting practice of modern firearms including electronic score board will be purchased at a cost of Rs. 16 crore; and ancilliary tools for the trap and street range, costing Rs. 2 crore will be purchased.

(2) To encourage sports personnel in Coimbatore and Madurai areas, firing ranges will be set up at the Sports Development Authority Complexes in these two places. Each range will have 15 tracks with electronic facilities. The total cost will be Rs. 4 crore at the rate of Rs. 2 crore for each complex.

These measures of my Government will build up a large pool of sports personnel in firearms shooting and help hold National and International Competitions in Tamil Nadu. ■

Justice Thiru N.Dinakar, Chairman of the State Law Commission presented the Commission's eighth report to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa at the Secretariat on 04.09.2014.

Civic amenities developed in Thoothukudi, Tirunelveli areas

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** on 25.08.2014 (English Translation)

My Government is keen to develop infrastructure facilities in Municipal Corporations in proportion to their population growth and provide basic facilities to the newly included areas on par with those available in the old Corporation areas.

In the last 3 years, 445 works to provide basic facilities in the Thoothukudi Municipal Corporation areas such as drinking water, roads, storm water drainage, solid waste management, street lights and buildings, costing Rs. 413.36 crore were taken up and most of them were completed. With assistance from Japan International Co-operation Agency Fund, the Rs.282.44 crore drinking water scheme has been taken up for execution.

In continuation of this, I wish to state that roads to a length of 29.74 km will be laid in the extension areas of Thoothukudi Corporation at a cost of Rs. 20 crore. Likewise, underground drainage scheme will be executed in phases in the extended areas at a cost of Rs. 300 crore.

In Tirunelveli Municipal Corporation areas, 63 works were taken up at a cost of Rs. 327.29 crore in the last 3 years. Most of the works have been completed.

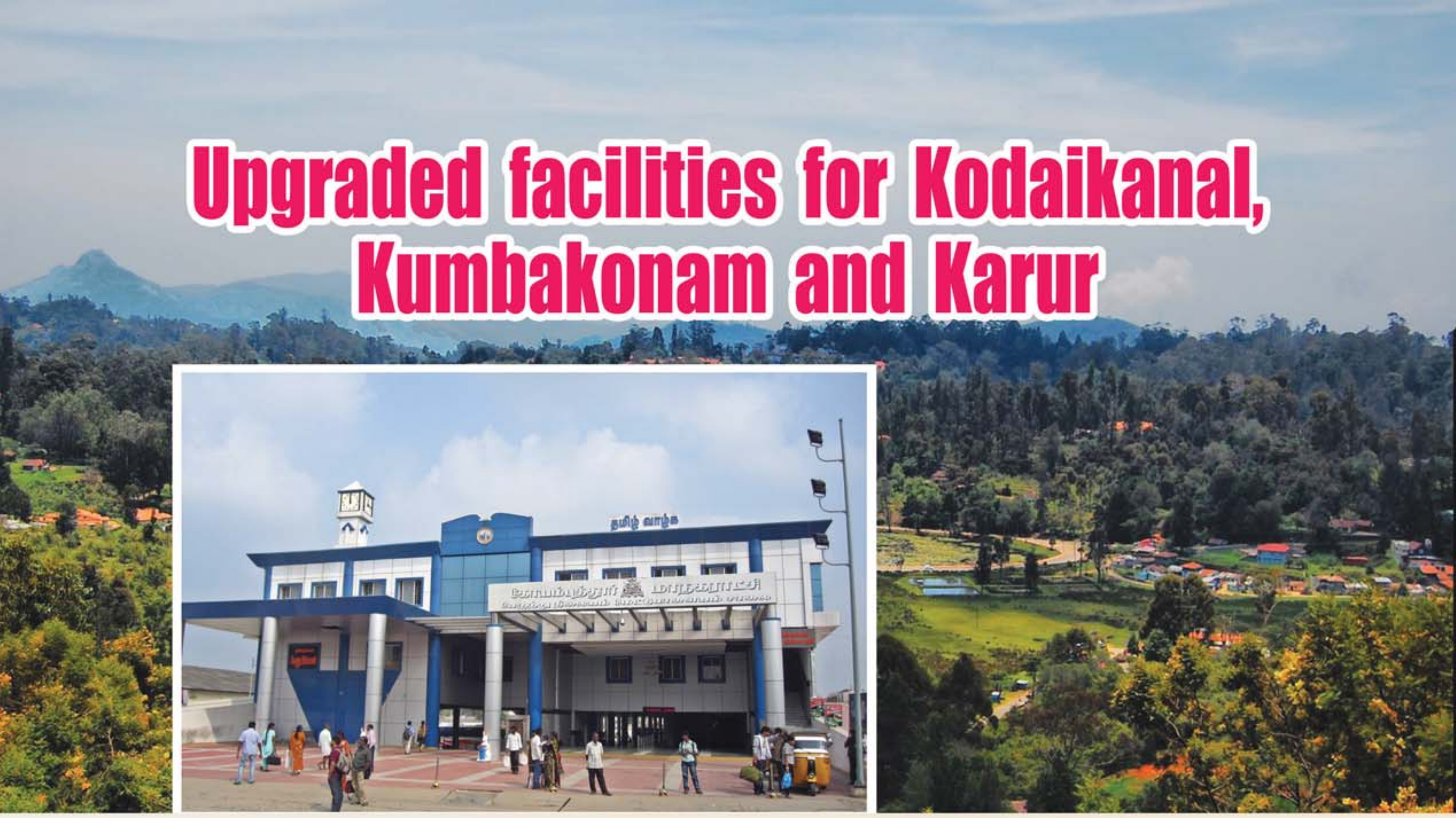
Steps have been taken for the execution of a new scheme costing Rs. 230 crore to develop the water sources of Tirunelveli Corporation and the distribution structure of drinking water. Underground drainage in the left-out areas of the Corporation will be implemented at a cost of Rs. 490 crore in phases.

Also, 61 kms of roads in 8 Municipal wards damaged on account of execution of development works for drinking water supply will be repaired at a cost of Rs.35.20 crore.

Modernization of the Tirunelveli Junction Bus Stand and setting up of a multi-storeyed Vehicle Parking lot will be set up in the interests of the local people and the floating population.

These measures will meet the additional needs of the people of these 2 Corporations and establish a health promoting environment.

Upgraded facilities for Kodaikanal, Kumbakonam and Karur



Statement of the Hon'ble
Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Selvi J Jayalalithaa on 27.08.2014
(English Translation)

My Government is very alert in creating healthy environment in urban areas, safeguarding general hygiene, distributing protected drinking water, developing basic facilities and in preparing and implementing schemes that fulfill the expectations of the people.

Most of the 132 works to provide basic facilities in Kodaikanal, taken up in the last 3 years at a cost of Rs. 27.31 crore have been completed. Steps have been taken to implement the underground drainage scheme at a cost of Rs. 140 crore. Tenders for it will be floated shortly. To meet the drinking water needs of the people and the tourists, I announced the Rs. 43.29 crore Keezhgundaru drinking water scheme. Preparatory works have been taken up.

My Government has decided to provide some more facilities.

The Kodaikanal lake will be beautified at a cost of Rs. 87.96 crore in a way as to cover the tourists. Under this programme, the lake will be desilted, unnecessary water plants will be removed, the oxygen content in the water will be increased, and proper environment for rearing fish and other like works will be undertaken. Laying storm water drain, management of effluent and solid waste, setting up of parks, parking lots, development of roads, ornamental vegetation, and removal of silt will be taken up. Boat clubs will be regularized, boats decorated and the lake's appearance enhanced. Facilities like tourist information centre and cycle stands will also be created.

In the temple town Kumbakonam, 234 works, costing Rs. 35.44 crore were taken up in the last 3 years and most of them have been completed.

In continuation of these works and in connection with the coming Mahamaham festival drinking water works costing Rs. 2.44 crore, installing street lights at a cost of Rs. 5.40 crore and canal desilting works costing Rs. 1.75 crore will be taken up.

Besides, road works (Rs.10.76 crore), upgradation of the roads through which the temple chariot is taken (Rs. 1.58 crore) and improving hygiene in lanes (Rs. 1.88 crore) will also be taken up.

Solid waste management (Rs. 11.17 crore), improving toilets (Rs. 80 lakh) and construction of a concrete bridge across Melakaveri (Rs.8 crore) will be undertaken. New works will be undertaken at a total cost of Rs. 43.78 crore.

In Karur Municipality, 608 works to provide basic facilities were taken up in the last 3 years at a cost of Rs. 108.53 crore and most of them have been completed. Development works in the drinking water scheme to cater to Karur, Inaam Karur and Thanthoni areas, costing Rs.68.40 crore are under execution with assistance from the Development Bank of Germany.

To manage the traffic congestion in Karur town, a subway (to be executed by the Southern Railway) will be constructed in the Kuthupalayam – Erode – Karur railway track at a cost of Rs. 3.69 crore. The Karur Municipality will lay the approach road to this subway at a cost of Rs. 3.01 crore;

Another subway will be laid at a cost of Rs. 3.69 crore (to be implemented again by the Southern Railway) at North Pasupathypalayam under the Tiruchi – Karur-Dindigul railway track. Approach road to the subway will be laid by the Municipality at a cost of Rs. 2.81 crore.

The above measures will provide upgraded basic facilities to the people of Kodaikanal, Kumbakonam and Karur Municipalities and also will pave way for a healthy environment in these places.

NEWS IN PICTURES

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** declared open through video conferencing at the Secretariat on 28.08.2014, a Rs. 25 lakh Integrated English Language Research and Training Centre at the Government Higher Secondary School at Somarasampettai Tiruchirapalli District. Also, school buildings constructed at a cost of Rs. 103.73 crore were declared open.

NEWS IN PICTURES

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** held a consultation meeting at the Secretariat on 25.08.2014 to consider the issues that were likely to come up for discussion at the Indo-Sri Lankan joint meeting on 29.08.2014 on the fishermen issue. Hon'ble Ministers and high officials participated.

300 more Amma Supermarkets at Rs. 37.17 crore

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Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa's statement under Rule 110 on 01.08.2014

Three hundred 'Amma Amudham Supermarkets' will be opened throughout Tamil Nadu at a cost of Rs. 37.17 crore.

Revealing this while making a statement in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly under Rule 110 on 01.08.2014 on further improving the Department of Food and Consumer Protection, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa said already 137 supermarkets – 114 on behalf of co-operative institutions and 23 on behalf of Civil Supplies Corporation (Amudham) – were functioning in the State.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister said a bran oil mill with a capacity of 140 tonnes would be set up in Tiruvarur District at a cost of Rs. 16 crore. Bran oil is used not only for culinary purposes but for the manufacture of soap and cosmetic products.

Other points made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister included: 39 new warehouses with a capacity of 84,500 tonnes would be constructed at a cost of Rs. 112.57 crore, 100 direct paddy procurement stations with infrastructure facilities such as solar panels, winnowing machine and dryers would be constructed at a cost of Rs. 35 crore this year also; and scientific testing labs would be set up at Srirangam, Tiruchi, Tiruvarur, Erode, Arani, Vellore and Villupuram at a cost of Rs. 7 crore for testing commodities stored in warehouses and getting clearance for obtaining negotiable warehouse receipts. Such receipts would help farmers and traders who had stored their commodities in them to raise loans against their goods from any bank.

APEX Co-operative Bank introduces mobile banking

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Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa's statement under Rule 110 on 01.08.2014

The Tamil Nadu State Apex Co-operative Bank will introduce mobile banking facility to its customers at a cost of Rs. 1 crore. Making a statement in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 01.08.2014 under Rule 110, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa said the apex bank had already introduced the net banking facility and online deposit opening facility besides undertaking the service of remitting fees to service organisation like Chennai Corporation and LIC on behalf of its customers.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister said the State Government had acceded to the request of the co-operative employees and had decided to extend the medical insurance scheme now available for Government Employees to the 60,000 employees in the co-operative societies. The annual premium of Rs. 12.54 crore to be paid would be equally shared by the societies and the employees.

Other points made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister included: 100 primary agricultural co-operative credit societies would be modernised at a cost of Rs. 6.90 crore in 2014-2015, own buildings would be constructed at a cost of Rs. 12.60 crore for 18 branches of Central co-operative banks that have their own land; 21 new branches – 19 for Central co-operative banks and 2 for Urban co-operative banks – would be started at a cost of Rs. 2 crore to expand the services of co-operative banks and 3 large-scale multi-purpose co-operative societies would be set up for hill tribes for making available commodities and other services to them near their villages. The multi-purpose co-operative societies would be set up for Pandalur region scheduled tribes and Kothagiri region hill tribes, in Nilgiris District and for the Sittilingi hill tribe in Dharmapuri District.

Ten acre campus for Teachers University

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Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa's statement under Rule 110 on 01.08.2014

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa told the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 01.08.2014, that 10 acres of land had been allotted for the Tamil Nadu Teachers Education University at Kaarapakkam Village, Sholinganallur in Kancheepuram District. An educational science complex and an administrative block would be constructed there for the University at a cost of Rs. 95 crore.

Making a statement under Rule 110 on the steps taken for the spread of higher education, the Hon'ble Chief Minister , among other things, said a Government arts and science co-ed college would be started at Manalmedu in Mayiladuthurai in the current academic year, and new hostels for undergraduate students studying in the premier complex of Anna University, an administrative office building for the Madras Institute of Technology, Chrompet and hostels for students studying there would be constructed at a cost of Rs. 30.70 crore.

Other announcements were recruitment through Teacher Recruitment Board to fill up 1,112 vacancies of Assistant Professor; disbursal of Rs.100 crore for improving infrastructure facilities in 93 Government/ University constituent arts and science colleges; and introduction of 163 new courses – 26 at the undergraduate, 23 at the Postgraduate, 62 M.Phil and 52 at the Ph.D levels in the current academic year for increasing the gross enrollment ratio in the State and to help rural and economically weaker section students to get higher education. In the last 3 years 797 new courses were introduced and 10,204 students benefited.

Lean season dole to fisherfolk hiked

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa's** statement under Rule 110 on 08.08.2014

In a statement in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly under Rule 110 on 04.08.2014, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa said the State Government's share of the relief given to marine fishermen would be increased from Rs. 600 to Rs. 900.

Every year, a relief assistance of Rs.1,800 is provided under the National Marine Fishermen Savings and Relief Scheme. The Central and State Government share is Rs. 600 each and the balance comes from the beneficiary. The Central Government has raised its share to Rs. 900 and the State Government will also follow suit.

Hereafter a relief of Rs. 2,700 will be given, the three stake-holders sharing in equal measure at Rs. 900 each. This will benefit 2.10 lakh marine fishermen and the Government's additional expenditure due to this will be Rs. 6.30 crore.

For the marine fisherwomen, a relief assistance of Rs. 1,800/- was given, the State Government's assistance being Rs. 1,200 and that of the beneficiary Rs. 600. This relief assistance will now be increased to Rs. 2,700, the State's share being Rs. 1,800 and that of the beneficiary Rs. 900. The beneficiaries will be 1.90 lakh marine fisherwomen. Annual additional expenditure to the Government will be Rs. 11.40 crore.

Equipment worth Rs. 35.77 crore for dairy farms

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa's** statement under Rule 110 on 04.08.2014

Making a statement in the Legislative Assembly under Rule 110 on 04.08.2014 the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa said measures costing Rs. 46.50 crore would be taken up through the Tamil Nadu Milk Producers Co-operative Federation for expanding the network of dairies in the interest of producers and consumers and to encourage the use of cattle feed.

(1) Equipment costing Rs. 35.77 crore will be installed in the dairy farms and milk chilling plants of the District Milk Producers' Co-operative Unions at Salem, Erode, Coimbatore, Villupuram and Vellore, to improve their infrastructure. This includes new refrigeration machines, milk containers, automatic ghee filling machines, generator, pasteurisation equipment, machines to clean tubes, and thermal transfer for overprinting equipment. This will benefit 2.26 lakh milk producers and 5.13 lakh consumers.

(2) To encourage the milk producers to use cattle feed for their animals in Tamil Nadu, the factory, manufacturing the feed at the Erode District Co-operative Milk Producers' Union will be expanded at a cost of Rs. 10.73 crore and its production capacity increased to 150 tonnes a day. About 4.29 lakh members will benefit from this.

A barrage across the Coleroon to store flood water

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa's** statement under Rule 110 on 04.08.2014

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa said on 04.08.2014 that a barrage to store 0.6 tmc of water would be constructed across the Coleroon river between the villages Adhanoor and Kumaramangalam in the districts of Cuddalore and Nagapattinam at a cost of Rs. 400 crore.

Making a statement under Rule 110 in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, the Hon'ble Chief Minister said as there was no irrigation structure down lower Coleroon Anicut, flood water during rainy season drained wastefully into the sea. There was a demand in that area for a check dam to conserve water.

The sand vent in the head weir of Uyyakondan canal at Pettavaithalai village, Srirangam taluk and the stretch of that canal at Palakarai in Tiruchi corporation area would be renovated at a cost of Rs. 14 crore.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also detailed several other schemes, totally costing Rs. 670.05 crore and said these works would stabilise the anicuts and would increase agricultural production on account of the creation of increased irrigational facilities.

New buildings for Commercial Taxes offices

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa's** statement under Rule 110 on 08.08.2014

I am extremely happy to make the following announcements in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly that will provide greater facilities to the general public and traders visiting the offices of Commercial Taxes Department and the Registration Department and fetch more income for these departments.

1. In the last three years, 33 buildings to house 67 Commercial Taxes (CT) offices were sanctioned at a cost of Rs.45.04 crore. Eleven of these buildings were declared open by me. Work on the rest is going on. In continuation of this, 2 integrated buildings to house 70 CT offices will be constructed in Chennai City at a cost of Rs. 60 crore.

2. As different departments have their own check posts and they act independently, there is loss of revenue to Government as vehicles are not checked properly. Taking this into account, an integrated check post will be set up at Hosur at a cost of Rs. 120 crore for all the departments.

3. The office of the Commissioner of Commercial Taxes at Chennai will be upgraded at a cost of Rs. 1.38 crore.

4. Under the own building scheme for Registration Department offices, 5 integrated complexes that house 10 Sub Registrar offices will be set up one each at Chennai, Kanniyakumari, Tiruppur, Salem and Thanjavur and independent office buildings will be constructed for 25 more Sub Registrar offices, all at a cost of Rs. 25 crore in the current year.

Women to be trained in farm operations

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa's** statement under Rule 110 on 07.08.2014

Following are some of the announcements made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 07.08.2014 under Rule 110.

(1) To train women in agricultural operations and in post-harvest activities, 'Amma Farm Women Skill Development Scheme' will be implemented at a cost of Rs. 113.26 crore. Under this scheme 770 'Farm Women Teams' will be formed and loan and revolving fund facilities will be provided.

(2) By co-ordinating Government seed farms, seed production stations and farmers, 'Tamil Nadu Seed Development Agency' will be set up at a cost of Rs. 156.74 crore for promoting large-scale use of certified seeds. The seeds produced by the agency will be sold through 'Amma Service Centre' outlets under the brand name 'Amma Seeds'.

(3) Three Agricultural College and Research Centres will be set up, one each at Kudumiyanmalai, Pudukkottai District, Eachenkottai, Thanjavur District and at Vazhavachanoor, Tiruvannamalai District at a total cost of Rs. 150 crore for encouraging agricultural research and to meet the increasing demand for agricultural education.

Initiative for innovation in Government departments

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa's** statement under Rule 110 on 08.08.2014

With a view to making Tamil Nadu the foremost state in the country, my Government has launched a 'Vision 2023' scheme and is taking steps to implement it.

As part of it, a forum called Tamil Nadu Innovative Initiative will be set up in the State Planning Commission to foster the culture of innovation and to encourage it in Government departments. In the first phase, the forum will take steps to promote innovation in Government departments and Government undertakings. A scheme to give prizes to innovative efforts will also be framed. A fund will be created for this under the name 'State Innovation Fund'. Innovative schemes will be financed from this fund. Every year Rs. 150 crore will be made available to this fund. A 'Hon'ble Chief Minister Innovation Award' will also be instituted to give awards for best innovative efforts.

A memorandum of understanding will be signed by the Tamil Nadu Government with Jameel – Poverty Action Lab, functioning in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA, for evaluating and monitoring the schemes being implemented in the departments of school education, health, poverty eradication and nutrition. World renowned economists and social scientists will be involved. In the current year, Rs. 3 crore will be allotted.

Six combined drinking water schemes at Rs.1,672 crore

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Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa's** statement under Rule 110 on 08.08.2014

Making a statement under Rule 110 in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 08.08.2014, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa said that six combined drinking water schemes would be implemented at a cost of Rs. 1,672.01 crore. The beneficiaries would be 12.36 lakh rural people in the districts of Theni, Sivagangai, Kanniyakumari, Coimbatore, Erode and Virudhunagar.

Likewise, 5 drinking water improvement schemes costing Rs. 53.62 crore would be implemented to benefit 2 lakh rural people in the districts of Tiruchi, Namakkal, Karur, Theni and Kancheepuram.

To supply drinking water round-the-clock in Coimbatore Corporation area, a scheme costing Rs. 451.66 crore would be implemented.

Solid waste management posed a challenge to urban local bodies. To find a solution to the overflowing dustbins, solid waste management at zonal level would be attempted as a novel measure. In the first phase, it would be implemented in the Municipal Corporations of Tiruchi, Tiruppur, Thoothukudi, Vellore and in the Municipality of Nagercoil at a cost of Rs. 631.39 crore.

Rs. 101 crore worth drinking water works for rural areas

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Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa's** statement under Rule 110 on 08.08.2014

Making a statement in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 08.08.2014, under Rule 110, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa said drinking water works costing Rs. 101 crore would be undertaken in the current year. They included setting up 1,000 new overhead tanks (Rs. 40 crore), 3,000 small electric pumps (Rs. 45 crore), 1,000 hand pumps (Rs. 6 crore) and renovation of 10,000 deep bore wells (Rs. 10 crore).

For maintaining cleanliness and hygiene in villages, 17,638 tri-cycles will be given to the 12,524 village panchayats (Rs. 44.10 crore) for the removal of garbage.

New village panchayat office buildings will be constructed at a cost of Rs. 60 crore to replace 500 damaged ones.

Damaged panchayat union roads to a length of 1,000 km will be strengthened and developed at a cost of Rs. 300 crore. For the longevity of these roads drainage structures will also be created.

To provide storage facilities in rural areas, 385 food grain godowns will be constructed at the rate of one for each taluk, at a cost of Rs. 30.80 crore.

Rs. 700 crore scheme for marginal dyeing, bleaching units

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Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa's** statement under Rule 110 on 11.08.2014

About 900 micro and small dyeing and bleaching units in the districts of Namakkal, Erode, Salem and Karur provide direct employment to thousands and prop up lakhs of people in the weaving sector, its adjunct.

Large and medium establishments have created facilities for zero discharge of liquid effluents to meet the changed environmental laws. With the assistance of interest-free loans from my Government, 18 effluent treatment plants have been set up at Tiruppur. But micro and small dyeing/bleaching units are not able to take advantage of this technology and are letting out their untreated effluents into the Cauvery, Bhavani, and Amaravathi rivers and into other water bodies and the land. This affected the environment and also invited judicial intervention. A situation arose where a majority of these units could not operate. This affected the textile industry.

My Government is not only bent upon implementing the controls imposed but also achieving stable economic growth with restrictions. Hence, my Government has decided, by way of rejuvenating the micro and small dyeing/bleaching units and the textile industry, to concentrate these units in one place and turn them into an industrial growth centre by helping them relocate. Through this scheme, direct employment to 10,000 persons and indirect employment to one lakh persons in the weaving industry, can be ensured.

The scheme will cost Rs. 700 crore. Steps will be taken to get the needed investment for the implementation of the scheme from the projects of the different Central Government ministries. My Government will meet the balance needs.

This scheme will commence in the current financial year and will be completed in 3 years. It will be jointly implemented by the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Small Industries Development Corporation of Tamil Nadu, Tamil Nadu Water Investment Company and Handloom and Textiles Departments.

Through this, not only dyeing, bleaching and weaving industries will grow, but the State's total inland production will increase up to Rs. 7,000 crore. Pollution also will be under control.

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'Nellai Wildlife Sanctuary will be created'

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa's** statement under Rule 110 on 11.08.2014

Tamil Nadu is one of the foremost States in the protection and management of bio-diversity. The State has 14 wild life sanctuaries, 5 national parks, 14 bird sanctuaries, 4 tiger reserves , 4 elephant reserves, 3 bio-cluster reserves and a protected reserve area. By bringing the ecologically connected bio-diversity areas under 'Protected Areas Management', a conducive atmosphere has been created for the multiplying of wildlife species. Hence, my Government has decided to create a "Nellai Wildlife Sanctuary", the 15th in the State, covering the bio-diversity rich areas of Tirunelveli District.

The Osodu Lake area in Villupuram District, the winter habitat of migratory birds and a rich bio-diversity area will be made the 15th Bird Sanctuary of the State.

To ensure environmental protection and socio-economic growth in Tamil Nadu and bring the State under Green Cover, project works that include bio-diversity protection, afforestation in private lands and development of management skills, costing Rs.110.07 crore will be undertaken in the current year.

Also works like bio-diversity protection, infrastructure development to help forest officials to protect and improve forests efficiently, increasing greenery in the state, and afforestation programmes, will be undertaken in the current year at a cost of Rs. 35.62 crore.

The basic training centres at Attakatti in Aanaimalai Tiger Reserve and at Theppakaadu in Mudumalai Tiger Reserve will be upgraded as "Developed Wildlife Management Training Centres" at a cost of Rs. 2 crore for giving effective training to field officers of the forest department on protection and management of wildlife and prevention of man-wildlife confrontation.

15 new Taluks to be created

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Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa's** statement under Rule 110 on 11.08.2014

I am happy to announce that 15 new taluks will be created in Tamil Nadu in the current year at a cost of Rs. 45 crore with a view to take the services of the Revenue Department quickly to the people. With this set of new taluks, their total number in the State will go up to 269. The creation of new taluks is through streamlining/reorganising the existing ones.

The new taluks will come into existence at Avadi by reorganising Ambattur and Poonamallee taluks in Tiruvallur District, at Wallajabad by dividing Kancheepuram Taluk (Kancheepuram District) at Marakkanam by dividing Tindivanam taluk (Villupuram), at Bhuvanagiri by dividing Chidambaram (Cuddalore), at Pethanaickanpalayam by dividing Athur taluk (Salem), at Senthamangalam by dividing Namakkal Taluk (Namakkal), at Bargur by streamlining Krishnagiri and Pochampalli taluks (Krishnagiri), at Chetpet by streamlining Polur, Arani and Vandavasi taluks and at Vembakkam by dividing Cheyyar taluk (both in Tiruvannamalai district), at Viralimalai by reorganising Ilupur and Kulathur taluks (Pudukkottai), at Kalaiyarkovil by dividing Sivaganga taluk (Sivaganga), at Keezhakarai by streamlining Ramanathapuram and Kadaladi taluks (Ramanathapuaram), at Vembakottai by reorganising Sivakasi, Rajapalayam and Sathur taluks (Virudhunagar), at Thiruvengadam by dividing Sankarankovil taluk and at Kadaiyanallur by reorganising Tenkasi, Sankarankovil, Sivagiri and Shenkottai taluks (both in Tirunelveli Districts).

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Upgradation of data centre at Rs. 40 crore

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa's** statement under Rule 110 on 11.08.2014

I am happy to make the following Information technology (IT) related announcements to this Assembly.

1. The Tamil Nadu State Date Centre will be upgraded at a cost of Rs. 40 crore. Its infrastructure will be improved to meet the needs of more and more Government departments that are coming forward to provide their IT services to the people in a bigger way. A new building will be constructed and 40 racks will be set up there, for meeting the growing demand.

2. For e-Governance, un-interrupted supply of IT services is essential. But National disasters pose a challenge to the safety of the Data Centre. Besides the Disaster Recovery Centre, a duplicate of the data needed for these services has to be stored in another place. For this, a Near-line Disaster Recovery Centre will be set up at a cost of Rs. 5 crore for image uploading of data from the State Data Centre instantly.

3. The Tamil Nadu Government has created e-mail addresses in the Domain Name "tn.gov.in". To administer the e-mail addresses and e-mails, the Data Centre should have e-mail compilation. This compilation will be activated at the Data Centre at a cost of Rs. 1 crore.

4. More than 20 lakh laptops have been distributed to students so far. To put these laptops to best use, it is necessary that IT resources are made available at low rates. A scheme to make available 'cloud services' and 'web-hosting services' at low rates will be implemented at a cost of Rs. 50 lakh.

5. The Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV company will make available Broad Band Services and Internet Services through its cable TV operators at low rates.

District jail, Borstal school for Theni

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa's** statement under Rule 110 on 11.08.2014

A District penitentiary to accommodate 200 prisoners and a Borstal School will be set up in Theni District at a cost of Rs. 14 crore.

Making a statement under Rule 110, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa told the Legislative Assembly that prisoners from Theni district were now lodged in Madurai Central Prison and adolescent prisoners in the Borstal school at Melur, Madurai District. A prison in Theni District would remove difficulties in producing these prisoners in courts in Theni District and reduce the pressure on space in Madurai Central prison and in Melur Borstal school.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also stated that Government had taken a policy decision to construct 100 dwelling units for prison department personnel every year. As per that decision, for the year 2014-2015, 100 dwelling units would be constructed at a cost of Rs. 13 .16 crore.

New buildings for courts, apartments for judges

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa's** statement under Rule 110 on 11.08.2014

My Government has been providing needed infrastructure facilities for courts and apartments for judges to enable speedy disposal of pending cases in courts. In the last 3 years, my Government has allotted Rs. 225.19 crore for construction of new court buildings and apartments for judges.

Taking note of the fact that 18 courts are functioning from an over-crowded integrated court building at Sathuvachari, Vellore District and the necessity of providing accommodation to judges and to officials of the judicial department, it has been decided to construct a new building at the Sathuvachari complex to enable the courts to function with adequate space and to construct dwelling units for judges, at a cost of Rs. 20.03 crore.

Likewise, an integrated court building with all infrastructure facilities will be constructed to house all courts in Nagapattinam District including Family courts at the present court complex itself as also dwelling units for judges at a cost of Rs. 19.52 crore. At present 8 courts are functioning from an old building and a damaged building.

Further boost to medical facilities 110

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa's** statement under Rule 110 on 12.08.2014

I am extremely happy to make the following announcements:

(1) The maternity-obstetrics wards at the Tiruchi and Tirunelveli Medical College hospitals and at the Government Queen Maternity Hospital, Pudukottai District will be upgraded into centres of excellence at a cost of Rs.20 crore each.

(2) Amma Baby Care Kits costing Rs.1,000/- each will be given to each and every child born in Government hospitals. The kit will have 16 different articles to attend to the needs of the infant and also a soap and 'lehiam' to improve lactation for the mother. The scheme will cost Rs.67 crore and 6.7 lakh infants will benefit.

(3) Dialysis, Diagnosis and Diabetes Centres will be set up at all Government Medical College Hospitals and District Headquarters Hospitals with the participation of private organisations to provide treatment to BP, diabetes and cancer patients on par with private sector hospitals. MRI and CT Scans also will be installed.

(4) A multi-storeyed building will be constructed at a cost of Rs. 50 crore at the Government General Hospital, Chennai to provide additional facilities to the outpatient, paralysis and renal-surgery and medicine wards.

(5) Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in the newly created taluks that do not have a Government Hospital will be upgraded into Taluk Hospitals, in the first phase in 10 taluks at a cost of Rs.25 crore.

(6) Rs.97.40 crore has been allotted this year for upgrading the District Headquarters Hospitals in 15 districts that do not have a medical college, to that of the medical college hospitals. By way of further upgrading the infrastructure facilities in these district headquarters hospitals, Rs.32.81 crore will be disbursed. In 12 more district headquarters hospitals, structural facilities will be improved at a cost of Rs.31.65 crore.

(7) A new Government medical college will be started in Karur District.

(8) Reverse Osmosis Water plants will be set up in all the 315 Government Hospitals at a cost of Rs.40 crore for providing clean drinking water to the patients coming to the hospitals and to their attendants.

(9) Digital X-ray equipments will be distributed to 12 Government hospitals at Manapparai, Udumalpet, Kallakurichi, Mayiladuthurai, Wallajah, Tirupathur, Karaikudi, Aruppukottai, Paramakudi, Mettupalayam, Athur and Cheyyar in the current year at a cost of Rs 13.20 crore; likewise c-arm X-ray equipment and surgical instruments for surgeries on paralytic patients will be supplied to 31 government hospitals at a cost of Rs. 9.30 crore.

(10) Eight PHCs will be upgraded into 30 bed hospitals in the current year at a cost Rs.18.52 crore.

(11) Twenty new PHCs will be set up in the current year at a cost Rs.21.67 crore.

(12) New student's hostels will be constructed in Madras Medical College at a cost Rs. 6 crore.

(13) A new MRI scan will be installed in the current year at Chennai Royapettah Government Hospital at a cost of Rs. 5 crore.

(14) The stipendary assistance to various categories of trainee doctors will be increased. Their stipend will range from a minimum of Rs. 13,000/- to a maximum Rs.30,000/-The government will incur an additional expense of Rs. 28.74 crore on account of this.

More facilities for devotees, higher pay for temple staff

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Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa's** statement under Rule 110 on 12.08.2014

I am extremely happy to make the following announcements for providing greater facilities to devotees and concessions to temple staff.

(1) The ancient wall paintings in the 5-tier Rajagopuram of Arulmigu Naarumboothanathaswamy temple, Thiruppudaimarudur, Tirunelveli District will be renovated at a cost of Rs. 1.42 crore;

(2) The Annadhaanam scheme, being implemented in 518 temples will be extended in the current year to 106 more temples at a cost of Rs. 3.87 crore;

(3) In the current year, consecration will be performed to 1,006 temples after completing maintenance work and State Government will provide a subsidy of Rs. 6 crore;

(4) Rs. 5.03 crore financial assistance will be provided in the current year for taking up repair and maintenance works in 1,006 temples not under HR & CE and located in Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe areas at the rate of Rs. 50,000/- for each temple;

(5) 1,006 small temples in villages and under the control of HR & CE will be renovated in the current year. Rs. 5.03 crore will be extended as financial assistance.

(6) New Annadhaanam Halls will be constructed in 16 temples in the current year at a cost of Rs. 3.46 crore;

(7) For proper performance of pooja in 10,000 small temples, pooja implements will be purchased at a cost of Rs. 2.50 crore and distributed;

(8) An allotment of Rs. 22.50 crore will be made in the current year for renovation of 68 ancient temples without loss of their antique nature.

(9) A Yatri Bhavan will be constructed at Tiruvannamalai at a cost of Rs. 25 crore to accommodate 500 devotees/tourists;

(10) A Yatri Bhavan to accommodate 500 devotees and tourists will be constructed at Rameswaram at a cost of Rs. 25 crore;

(11) As the next Mahamaham festival is due in February 2016, 69 of the 86 temples in Kumbakonam will be repaired and renovated at a cost of Rs. 12 crore. The remaining temples are in good condition;

(12) The Annadhaanam scheme in temples is managed by a staff of 820-673 on daily wages and 147 on a consolidated pay. Their services will be regularised on the basis of their good conduct and eligibility and their wages will be fixed in the pay scale offered by the temples concerned. The regularisation will cost the Government Rs. 7.89 crore every year;

(13) In temples under HR and CE control, the services of 8,184 employees who have put in more than 5 years of service and are working as daily wage earners or on a consolidated pay will be regularised on the basis of their eligibility and good conduct. This will entail an additional expenditure of Rs. 44.14 crore in a year.

Rs. 25 crore present to Pattukottai for golden jubilee

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Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa's** statement under Rule 110 on 12.08.2014

I am happy to announce to this Assembly that my Government will provide a special assistance of Rs. 25 crore to Pattukottai Municipality which is on its golden jubilee year this year.

A golden jubilee is a proud occasion. The special assistance is for development of basic facilities such as improvement in drinking water supply, laying of roads and drainage, solid waste management, streamlining of tanks, improvement of bus stand and construction of office buildings.

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Rs. 127.13 crore for welfare of construction workers

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa's** statement under Rule 110 on 12.08.2014

To further improve the social security of construction workers and their families, I am happy to make the following announcements in this Assembly that will entail an expenditure of Rs. 127.13 crore.

(1) The solatium in the event of death of a construction worker while on duty at the site of work due to an accident will be increased to Rs. 5 lakh from Rs. 1 lakh. The deceased worker should have registered with the Tamil Nadu Construction Workers Welfare Board.

(2) To extend the Board's welfare assistance to migrated workers from other States, they will be taken as registered members of the board solely on the strength of the documents they produce and the certificate given by their employer.

(3) To provide medical services to construction workers at the place of their work itself, 50 mobile dispensaries- 15 for Chennai and suburbs and 35 for other Districts- will be set up at a cost of Rs. 19.62 crore. Each dispensary will be manned by a medical team consisting of a male doctor, a woman doctor, a nurse, a pharmacist, lab analyst and an assistant.

(4) Transport facilities will be arranged for the wards of construction workers to get education at the centres functioning under the 'Education for all' scheme.

(5) Anganwadi centres will be started at 50 places where large-scale construction works are taking place, so that the nutritional needs of the children of construction workers can be met. An additional expenditure of Rs. 2.51 crore will be incurred annually on account of this scheme.

(6) The Board will construct dormitories through the Public Works Department at 9 places at a cost of Rs. 105 crore for providing accommodation to 7,000 construction workers. Of these 9 dormitories, 5 will come up in Chennai and suburban areas, each accommodating 1,000 and the rest in the districts of Tiruchi, Salem, Madurai and Coimbatore, each with a capacity for 500 workers. ■

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